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THE HOLOCAUST.

The Horrors of the Burning of the Brooklyn Theatre.

Men, Women and Children Buried in the Blazing Ruins.

A Disaster that has but Few Parallels on Record.

315 BODIES THUS FAR TAKEN FROM THE RUINS.

Awful Scenes in the Galleries—Terrible Struggle by the Audience to Escape—A Heartrending Sight at the Morgue—Most of the Victims Burned Beyond Recognition—The Thrilling and Affecting Stories of the Survivors.

NEW YORK, December 7.—The dimensions of the awful calamity which has befallen the city of Brooklyn in the destruction of its principal theatre by fire and the consequent loss of life have not yet been realized. Enough is known, however, to make it certain that the catastrophe ranks among the most fatal of the kind ever recorded. According to the statements of all parties who profess to know anything as to

The Origin of the Fire.

it began on the stage. The business manager, Mr. Rogers, says that a piece of canvass out of which trees, &c., are made, was broken from its fastenings and hung from the flies immediately over one of the border lights near the centre of the stage. The canvass had begun to smoulder and the paint on it to crackle, and the carpenter was directed to ascend to one of the grooves and remove the dangerous object. He could barely reach it with his hand, and he drew it hastily up. The rapid motion through the air of the half ignited and highly inflammable canvass caused it to burst into a flame, which rapidly spread to the adjoining material, equally susceptible. All efforts to extinguish the flames were abortive, and the carpenter had to retire to save his own life.

The Scene in the Gallery

after the alarm was raised is described as something horrible even to contemplate. Up till noon to-day three hundred and fifteen bodies had been removed. Of these fifty-nine are identified, some by remnants of clothing remaining, some by rings, watches, chains and such articles, and but few by their features. The actors Claude Burroughs and Harry S. Murdock are among the identified. What are accepted as the bodies of the two actors are simply

Two Black Cinders

Around the trunk of one was a scorched and scorched buckskin undershirt, and beside the other was a piece of braid, apparently portions of the stage dress.

It is feared that when a careful search is made in the auditorium the bodies of a good many men who leaped in their frenzy from the galleries will be discovered. The police allow no person to enter within the walls of the theatre with the exception of the men engaged in the search for the dead. The small parts of the ceilings and floors of the theatre yet remaining are in an unsafe condition.

The Brooklyn *Eagle* publishes the following list of names of

The Identified.

Richard Curren, John Turner, Charles Rome, Isaac Lessen, James Cassidy, Jas. E. Garvey, Hugh Oberner, August Aurbach, Mrs. Ann Martin, Mrs. Berry, Joseph Farrel, John Tracy, S. Russell, H. Ralph, Mrs. Joseph Rogers, Robert Jackson, Chas. H. Stiles, Louis E. Becker, Stephen C. Haine, Mary Mulvany, John Maginnis, Joseph Looney, H. J. McAnally, A. Stetson, Wm. H. Barrett, Wm. Hallman, P. D. Geary, Nicholas Conroy, Samuel A. Davis, George C. Lott, George Hemipy, George F. Freel, Thomas Wesbner, Michael J. Kaley, Louis Hecht, Patrick Gallagher, Abraham Kurtz, Abraham Dietz, John Maburn, Jas. J. Cullen, Matilda Ward, Henry M. Bruce, Samuel Calhoun, S. Dempsey, Wm. A. Gray, Jacob Lostrander, W. W. Burton, Horon Dietz, Jas. Lemmon, John S. Charles Otis, Charles E. Gassett, John Grace, Wm. Bryant, Mr. Kramer, James Clayden, Francis McGiff, Claude Burroughs, Harry S. Murdock.

A Coroner's Jury

was empannelled this morning, and held a private session in the station house adjoining the burned theatre. Their inquest, dence, and at noon adjourned to meet at the Coroner's office on Saturday evening.

Number of Persons in the Theatre

A. M. Palmer, one of the lessees of the theatre, gives the following statement of the number of persons in the theatre on Tuesday evening: 400 persons in the upper gallery, 300 persons in the dress circle, 250 persons in the parquette, 21 actors, speaking people, 20 supernumeries, 10 stage hands, 12 musicians; total 1,013, or, including the dressers and other subordinates, in all about 1,050.

A Fault in the Construction of the Burned Building,

and one to which there is reason to believe the dreadful loss of life in the gallery is in a large measure attributable, was the use of painted cloth for the ceiling. This was caught easily and burned rapidly. Of course the flames followed it to the ventilator at the top, making the dome a funnel of fire right over the heads of the people in the gallery. It seems more than probable that the smoke and fire, in the midst of which they were thus placed, destroyed the lives of many persons who might else have escaped even by the inadequate stairway provided for them.

The Fire Marshal's Investigation.

Fire Marshal Keady resumed his investigation this morning. G. A. Wessman, an officer of the mounted squad, was examined. He was in the theatre in citizen's clothes when the fire occurred. He was up in the dress circle and saw the flames burning the scenery on the stage. He ran to the front to get the doors open, and the actors quieted the audience for a moment. He waited at the doors till the spectators were all out, and then closed the doors to keep the draught out. People were then coming down from the gallery, but all at once they stopped coming down, and he ran to see what was the matter. He referred to the first gallery. There were two separate stairways leading up there. As I got to the top of the first flight of stairs there was a lady who, in coming down, got her leg caught in the balusters. A large man fell over her, and others falling over him, made a heap which those in the rear could not pass. There were fully fifty or sixty persons packed in the heap at the foot of the second flight of stairs. The stairs were open all the way down from that point, and above that point the stairs were filled within a few steps from the top. At this time the smoke was very dense. It was not three minutes after the fire broke out that the curtain was lowered and took fire, and this had the effect of sending the flames up to the gallery. I locked at it for about three seconds, and then closed the door of the parquet. The persons who were piled up in the heap cried to me to help them, and I did get some in the rear to fall back until I got the man and woman out. Seeing those two get out, they all rushed forward again and

Blocked up the Passage.

I tried to extricate the woman whose leg was caught in the railing, but she was held fast. An usher came up to assist me, and we made a small place among them. We tore the dresses of some of them, but we got them all out. Then I went up in the dress circle. I found a woman there and took her out. There must have been other persons there, for I heard cries, but I could not see them on account of the smoke. I know there must have been several other persons in the dress circle who were overtaken by the fire. I was then getting weak from the smoke, and I dropped to the floor to get fresh air. The smoke was black smoke, and had a very suffocating smell. I am an old fireman, and never experienced smoke so suffocating. I was not in the smoke more than a minute, and yet could not breathe. The first and second galleries, and even the stairs, were at the time filled with suffocating smoke. No human being could live in that smoke two minutes. I heard

A Thumping Noise,

as if some persons were jumping out of the windows. At that time it was utterly impossible to get up in the top gallery, and I was nearly suffocated when I got out. I know that the people were all taken from the dress circle stairs, but I heard cries inside. I called out "Where are you?" but got no answer. Even when I got down on the floor I heard a thumping noise, as though they were jumping out of the upper gallery. If they had jumped from the gallery to the dress circle the smoke was so dense I could not have seen them. There was no breaking of stairs while I was there. I am pretty sure all in the dress circle did not get out alive.

The evidence of this officer is the clearest description of the terrible struggle by the audience to escape from the burning building which has yet been given.

Scenes at the Morgue

There was even a larger crowd around the Morgue this morning than yesterday. A surging mass of people occupied the sidewalk in front of the dead house, and stretched into the middle of the street, and men and boys clambered upon fences and wagons in the neighborhood. Yesterday the people who gathered in the neighborhood of this building were quiet and orderly. To-day there was a spirit of levity perceptible. The fire was an event two days old. No permits for admission were demanded of those persons who could satisfy the officers that they had lost friends or relatives by the fire. They were allowed to enter from time to time, passing in the front door, and through a room on the right hand, which contained about thirty bodies lying on the floor, none identified; so through a smaller room at the further end of the building back to the left hand room, in which some of the corpses were lying upon marble slabs and tables in the centre. Upon such bits of clothing as remain upon the bodies numbers, written hastily with lead pencils on bits of paper, have been pinned, and when a body has been recognized the name and address are added to the number. Then on the receipt of the Coroner's permission the corpse is placed into a plain deal coffin and driven to the address. There are

Very Few Identifications,

however. It is impossible that there can be. Many features are for the most part unrecognizable. Trinkets and such things were many of them lost in the crowd, and the clothing has been either all destroyed or burned into mere rags. At the Adams street Morgue, formerly known as Old Fulton Market, the scene was horrible in the extreme. On the floor lay a large number of charred bodies, but in many instances it was impossible to tell whether they had formerly been male or female, human or animal. In some cases the mass was only about a handful of charred bones and flesh, without a remnant of clothing or other property that could possibly lead to identification. In other cases all the clothing was either torn from or burned off, leaving but charred and blackened remains. Bodies they cannot be called. "My God," said one poor woman, as she gazed on a charred mass of bones, "that may be my boy, but who can prove it?" Among the bodies not so badly burned was one of a man who had evidently leaped from the gallery, as the leg was broken short off above the ankle. The remains of Dr. Frankish, a dentist, who resided at Portland avenue and Fulton, were recognized by initials on the shirt collar. It was the only article of wearing apparel which could be distinguished. A report of

A Most Distressing Case

has been made by Capt. Crafts, of the second precinct. Mr. Smith, a widow lady, and her daughter, Miss Simpson, left their residence, 141 Sands street, Tuesday evening, to attend the theatre. The only other occupants of the house were a servant girl and an orphan child, whom Mrs. Simpson had adopted. Neither of the ladies have returned to their home, and having no friends in the city, no effort has been made to identify their remains. The husband of Mrs. Simpson was expected home from a long voyage at the close of the week.

The Undertakers

were constantly driving up to the Morgue all morning with wagons and permits for the removal of identified remains, and the police had great difficulty in making a passageway for them through the awfully packed crowd which filled up the street in front of the building. Hundreds of people have been to the station house to-day, inquiring after absent friends, and the pitiful scenes of yesterday were repeated in a tenfold force. Two hundred and ninety-seven bodies have been deposited in the Morgue and the temporary one on Adams street. A wagon load containing ten bodies was on the way as a reporter left, making three hundred and nine in all. The mortality will probably reach three hundred and fifty persons.

Mr. Sheridan Shook was at the police station to-day. He had little to say, and was intensely affected by the terrible affair. A. M. Palmer is ill from constant attendance in Brooklyn since the disaster, but Mr. Larraine Rogers, acting stage manager of the theatre, and representing Shook & Palmer, also lessees, is empowered and anxious to relieve any case of immediate suffering consequent upon the conflagration. Later Treasurer Gouge expressed the same sentiment of commiseration and willingness to assist the unfortunate in any manner possible. Mr. Shook ordered the Union Square Theatre in New York closed until after the funeral of the victims of this awful calamity.

A Mistake Fatal to Justice.

There was a report in circulation this morning which reflected seriously upon the police of the first precinct. It is said that a number of persons got down into the basement of the theatre at the time of the fire, and were making their way out through the grating, when the police shut down the grating and ordered them to go out the other way.

A meeting was held to-day of the joint Boards of Aldermen and Supervisors to make arrangements for

A Public Burial

of the bodies of the victims of the calamity who have not been identified. It was reported by a special committee that a plot for the burial of one hundred or more bodies had been offered by the Directors of Greenwood Cemetery, and the offer was accepted. The proprietors of the Park Theatre and Hooley's Opera House offered their services in behalf of the sufferers. The Academy of Music will be used for

Memorial Services

on Sunday, at 2 P. M., and ministers from different churches will be present, among them Bishop Laughlin, Rev. Dr. Cuyler, Rev. Dr. Scudder, Rev. Dr. A. P. Putnam, Rev. A. S. Walsh, Rev. Dr. Steimbie, Rev. H. R. Nye, Rabbi Brandestine, and many others.

Members of the Thirteenth regiment have taken the places of the police at the Morgue, theatre and other places, the latter being exhausted.

At the investigation by the Fire Marshal this afternoon Saml. W. Hastings, ticket receiver, Geo. Heeney, property-man, and Chas. Straub, one of the parties who made their escape from the gallery, were all examined, and gave their versions of the calamity. The latter, Jackson, architect of the theatre, testified to the structure of the building and its dimensions. He said the Brooklyn Theatre was as well provided with means of exit as any theater that witness knew of. When the theatre was erected careful attention was paid to gas jets and border lights.

Relief Meeting.

A meeting of actors and others was held this afternoon at the Park Theatre to take action in regard to the calamity. A committee was appointed to arrange plays to be performed in the different theatres for the benefit of the sufferers. A committee of citizens was also appointed to relieve the immediate wants of those who suffered by the calamity. Over fifteen hundred dollars was subscribed at the meeting towards a relief fund. A number of theatres were tendered for performances. Resolutions of regret at the loss of two actors, Messrs. Murdoch and Burroughs, and condolence with their families, were adopted. The City Hall of Brooklyn was ordered by the Aldermen to be draped in mourning out of respect for the dead.

The New York Board of Aldermen this afternoon passed resolutions deploring the calamity and sympathizing with the unfortunate families of the victims. Mayor Wickham was present by them to call upon the citizens for contributions to alleviate the distress which will surely follow this visitation.

STORY OF THE PANIC.

From our New York exchanges we gather the following incidents connected with the terrible holocaust:

How the Disaster Occurred.

Few people will fail to recognize the scene set at the Brooklyn Theatre on Tuesday night by its name—"The Boat-house" in the "Two Orphans." To those who had never seen it, it is sufficient to say that it was a scene enclosing within canvass three sides of the stage, with a canopy roof above, midway between the floor and the "flies," or roof of the stage. At the back were two great doors, which at the climax of the story were to be burst open by the police, coming to the rescue of the blind orphan girl. The scene occupied the whole stage of the Brooklyn Theater. At the drop of the curtain on the last act the stage is usually crowded with 30 or 40 persons of all degrees of importance in the play, and of all qualities as actors in the estimation of the theater-goers. At the critical moment of Tuesday night's real tragedy this scene of the mimic drama was occupied by only four persons—Miss Kate Claxton, who was playing *Louise*, the blind girl; Mrs. Mary A. Farren, who appeared as *Madame Frochard*; J. B. Studley as *Jacques*, and H. G. Murdoch as *Pierre*.

To this little group, first of all on the stage and in its front, came the earliest intimation of impending disaster. They heard but did not see it. One of the "flies" of the stage—the long streamers which cross the stage, and represent ceiling, or "ceiling," as occasion may require, was blown violently against a gas-jet, and quickly ignited. The men aloft as quickly cut away the burning piece, and it fell—alas! not to the stage, as they anticipated, but upon the painted canvass roof of the "boat house," and rapidly burned through. The warning which had been heard in the rustling of scenes was confirmed by the blazing of scenery, and in an instant the fire was under foot headway.

Flight From the Galleries.

When the alarm of fire first rang through the house there was a momentary pause of horror, the people crowded in the galleries seemed the hopelessness of their position, and the bravest hearts were momentarily stilled. For a moment stupor seized all minds, but for a moment only, and was succeeded by a frantic impulse to escape. Men and women rose with a common instinct to flee. Each one thought only of himself, the strong deserted the weak, and sudden as thought men and women were scrambling for the doors. In some hearts the better and nobler nature asserted itself, and men who had deserted friends under the first selfish impulse, rushed back to save those they loved. It was a terrible moment, the danger which had only threatened was now upon the unfortunate mass crowded into the dress and family circles—some seven hundred and fifty souls all told. The spark of fire from the flies which had caused the first terror had moved steadily and serpent-like till it had reached the wings, moving with the stealth and rapidity of a beast of prey.

The scene in the galleries now became terrible. Men rushed hither and thither, not knowing what they were about. All sense of humanity was lost in the one absorbing thought of reaching the open air. Men and women jumped from seat to seat, not stopping to pick up those that fell. The fight for life was begun. Behind, the crackling flames had seized upon the stage and were rapidly advancing through the house. Huge clouds of suffocating smoke floated inward, and filled every nook and cranny, rendering breathing almost impossible. There was no time to be lost. Every instant seemed an age to the agonized wretches who struggled at the doors to reach the outlet. Women screamed and fainted, and strong men struggled desperately in that awful crush.

On the Gallery Stairs.

At last the stairs were reached, and those who had been lucky enough to get to them first poured down to the corridor of the dress circle. For a moment the stream flowed freely, but the crowd behind pressed on fiercely. The fire behind was growing more intense and the smoke binding. The occupants of the family circle, descended by the stairs that led to the vestibule of the dress circle, which promised the best means of escape, were met by the stream of people flying from the dress circle for their lives. The two streams meeting at the head of the stairs almost immediately caused an obstruction. The flames were gaining with inconceivable rapidity. Panic had seized all hearts and blind instinct had taken the place of reason. There was but one savage thought in all breats—to save themselves at any cost. The stairs led to safety. Then the stairs should be made to do their work, and the mad mass rushed forward, pushed those before them in to the stairway till it was choked up with a mingled mass of men and women—a human wedge that became more compact the closer it was driven; but these terrified men did not reason, they did not think, they only knew that there was the way by the stairs, and the stairs should do their work. But, alas! the stairway was only seven or eight feet wide, and 750 men and women sought to force through this narrow passage all together, and it was impossible. But the fire behind grew apace and those in the rear could and would not understand that those in front could not get out of the way immediately, and they crushed forward and urged, with frantic yells, the clearing of the way.

The Death Lock.

Some saw a ready way of escape, and jumped over the banisters on the heads of those below. Every means was lawful—there was no thought but how to get into the street, to escape with precious life. In this dreadful struggle the weak fainted, and the strong, pressed against them by those in the rear, fell over their weaker companions, who struggled to regain their feet, but were trampled upon by others, who, in turn, were hurled into the struggling mass by those behind. Once fallen it was impossible to rise. Now arose the frenzied cries of those who had gone down in the melee, mingled with the groans of the wounded and the death rattle of the dying. Women shrieked in the agony of fear, and men with clinched teeth struggled savagely to regain their vantage. But their struggles were as vain as the cries of the women. The inexorable fates held them in their grasp, and would not let go their hold. And now the fire had wrapped in its terrible embraces the auditorium. On all sides the lurid flames shot forth and advanced, licking with a thousand fierce tongues whatever was combustible in the building, and rapidly cutting off all hope of escape from the wretches imprisoned on the stairs. But quicker than came the flames rolled in the black, choking smoke, filling the eyes and the throats of the victims. Exhausted by their struggles the wedged in crowd ceased the violence of their efforts and gasped for air, pure unfanned air, but received only the asphyxiating fumes of the burning wood and paint. Then there is heard a crumbling sound, and the air becomes hotter, and the smoke thicker and more dense, and then it must be to settle.

The Final Catastrophe

The pressure from behind continued. A few minutes more and it would be too late to make an effort; death would seize upon them all. Another effort and the banisters gave way, precipitating a number of people on the heads of those below. The stairs are giving way.

In an instant all hearts grew still, and despair is on every face. The stairs seem to sink down and then with a crash give way. With a shout of agony and terror the mass of humanity fall through the gaping opening, down, down into the pit of death. The floors had given way and the helpless victims, like human avalanche, as though the earth had opened and swallowed them. The debris from the falling galleries and roofs covered them in and buried them as in a grave of fire. Hundreds in this fatal moment were sent out of the world of sunlight directly into the presence of their Creator. In the confusion their death was unheard, and no hand was stretched to succor them. Now the flames wrapped the whole building and cut off all aid, though the spot on the mass of the victims fell was in the wide vestibule which runs from Washington street to Flood's alley, within a few yards of the street. The calamity had been so sudden, the progress of the flames so rapid, that little chance had been given for the rendering of assistance.

The Silence of Death.

Death came almost instantaneously, and no cry or moan told the firemen or police officers that almost within arm's reach lay hundreds of human beings in their death throes. The falling debris shut out from view of the spectators in the street the terrible drama that was passing a few few feet away. Not a soul had any thought of the extent of the tragedy they were witnessing.

STORIES OF THE SURVIVORS.

Mr. J. B. Studley's Experience.

Mr. J. B. Studley, one of the actors in the "Two Orphans," had a marvelously narrow escape, and will carry for many a day the marks of his struggle to gain the exterior of the burning building. "I was engaged in the play, and was seated on the stage when it broke out," he said. "The first intimation I had of anything wrong was a noise which seemed to come from the rear of the stage. I supposed it was occasioned by the stage carpenter shifting the scenery, and I accordingly spoke to the prompter. Just then Miss Farren, who was also on the stage, evinced evident signs of nervousness, and the audience also became perfectly restive. Up to this time I had heard no crackling noise, such as usually accompanies a fire, nor did I smell any smoke. My back was to the fire, as I was facing the audience, and therefore I did not appreciate the danger of the situation. I adjured the audience to remain quiet, assuring them that the danger was more imaginary than real. On turning round I saw the flame overhead, but still I thought there was no occasion for immediate alarm. Fearing a general stampede in the audience I once more stepped to the footlights and advised calmness. I stated that the play would have to stop and that I must go down to my dressing room, but as I was unlocking the door the flames seemed to come upon me from every direction. I now, for the first time, saw the real danger. There was no time to change my clothes, so, catching up my overcoat, I made a break for the stairway to ascend to the stage. Here I was met by a volume of fire and smoke that drove me back despite all my efforts. Had I should be smothered. I covered the lower portion of my face with my overcoat, and instantly ran across to the other staircase. I gained it, and forced my way up, but whither it led I knew not. Groping my way along through almost suffocating smoke I reached a passageway, and followed it. By this time some half-dozen or more people were following me, imploring assistance, and struggling for the outlet. I found I saw a window hard by, and, calling to the people behind me to follow on, pushed forward, and burst it open with my hands. You see here the result. My hands and wrists are cut in twenty places. But imagine the consternation that seized me when, on knocking the glass out, I beheld a solid wall reared up before me. It was a veritable through which wood and coal used to be drawn. I thought the last avenue of escape had now been cut off, and so told those about me. We were all on the point of despair, when, turning in another direction, I saw a door some ten or fifteen feet away. Against this I threw myself with the strength of despair and finally succeeded in bursting it open, although in doing so I now find that I have injured myself considerably. Heaven be praised, it led to a place of safety! Soon we were all out in the street, the door having opened into a passage-way leading to the front entrance."

In answer to a question in regard to the probable fate of Mr. Burroughs, a fellow actor, Mr. Studley said he had no hope of ever again seeing him alive. He was in his dressing-room, up-stairs, and could not possibly have escaped, as the flames spread in that direction from the very first, and cut off all change of escape.

Story of One of the Audience.

It was the last act of the "Two Orphans," and Miss Claxton, Mrs. Farren, and Messrs. Murdock and Studley were on the stage. Mr. Studley had just flung his working apron to the ground with the words, "There, I've done enough work for the day," when sparks were seen to fall from the flies at the right of the stage, (left from the auditorium.) There was immediately an exclamation of alarm, but there was no cry of fire, and the audience began to rush from their seats. The attaches of the theatre and a few others endeavored to calm the excitement, and Miss Claxton came to the footlights and appealed to the audience to keep cool. No sooner had she done speaking than one of the "flats" fell to the stage in a blaze, which was the signal for a general stampede, and in the meantime the flames burst forth in one vast sheet and a dense volume of smoke, as if blown from a bellows, and filled the theatre, making "confusion worse confounded." It became as dark as Erebus, and

The Shrieks of Women

were heard in the gloom as they endeavored to reach the open air. Those who attempted to render assistance to the people in the orchestra chairs and circle became entangled with remains of dresses and other wearing apparel, and in the confusion failed of their purpose. Nearly all the occupants of the lower part of the house succeeded in escaping, however, and as the smoke was rushing into the lobby, the doors were closed in order to save the people in the dress-circle, who were tumbling down stairs in heaps, and who would have been cut off from retreat. The fainting women and children were carried to the station house next door, and taken care of, but it was impossible to save all, for the smoke began to fill the lobby as it issued in a vast volume through the dress-circle doors and suffocated the poor unfortunates, who were above. Not a minute and a half had elapsed after the discovery of the fire, when the entire theatre was filled with flame and smoke, and the four hundred people in the gallery, having only a narrow stairway for egress, were cut off from any assistance.

Story of Mr. Kingsley.

Mr. Wm C. Kingsley, one of the principal stockholders, was in the auditorium on the evening of the fire with his family. When the panic began he was separated from them, and for a time was unable to find any trace of them, but when his anxiety was at the highest he learned that they had all escaped and arrived home in safety. All those who were present bear testimony to scenes of the wildest excitement and terror. "Run—run for your lives," cried one excited individual in the insanity of the moment. "O God! O God!" shrieked a woman, tearing her hair from her head and trampling it under her feet, "My child, where is my child?" It had been torn from her arms in the madness of the stampede. "Where is my husband?" shrieked another, "Where is my husband? Won't some one find him for me! My God! my God! I shall go mad!" He was afterward brought back to her, his face pounded almost to a jelly.

SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD.

In the Morning.

Early in the morning, when the fire had so far subsided that firemen were able to enter the vestibule of the Brooklyn Theatre, the body of a well-dressed lady was found near the box-office, sitting upright, reclining against the wall, as if the unfortunate victim had there been overcome with smoke while pressing toward the outer door. The body was removed to the Morgue, and careful search was made for others who might have shared a similar fate. Up to this time it was not known that any had perished in the burning building, and few persons had called at the police stations to inquire for missing friends.

It was not long before a ghastly heap of corpses was discovered in the cellar, underneath the vestibule, and the work of exhumation began. It was continued without intermission throughout the day and evening. The news that there had been a heavy loss of life spread rapidly through the city, and every undertaker in Brooklyn sent agents and assistants to aid in removing the dead. Hoarse voices passed down through the floor, the bodies were placed in them as fast as they could be taken from the heap, a blanket was thrown over each, the box was carefully raised to the sidewalk, placed in a wagon, and then driven away.

Soon after the work of removal begun a reporter entered the theater by the private stairway, and passing through the treasurer's room, looked from a window down upon

The Mass of Victims.

The window was directly at the head of the stairway from which the occupants of the family circle would have passed, had they had been able to reach it. The stairs were charred and weakened, but had not fallen; all the flooring of the vestibules of the three stories was gone, together with all the interior of the auditoriums. The doors leading from the family circle to the vestibule, but only one stairway leading from it to the street; this was less than seven feet in width, and had a sharp curve at the foot of the first flight. All the occupants of the upper gallery seem to have reached the vestibule and pressed toward the stairs, down which a few—it is not known how many—escaped. The clouds of smoke pouring from the stage either suffocated the rest so that they were unable to struggle toward the open air, or the narrow doorway became blocked so that they were unable to escape. Whatever may have been the cause, the fact remains that those on that floor were in the vestibule when it gave way, and all were buried in a commingled mass into the cellar beneath, where they were soon covered with burning timbers, part charred and charred or blackened with smoke beyond all semblance to humanity.

It was for a long time supposed that the occupants of the upper gallery were the only victims, and that all in the second gallery and dress circle were saved. There is no evidence of this beyond the fact that the exit from the second gallery was wider, and that escape thence was easier. Among the missing are many who would not have been likely to take seats in the upper gallery, such as ladies in jewelry, opera-glasses, &c., found on many of the bodies, are indications that they were in a more expensive part of the house. If the people in the two galleries shared a common fate,

Their Number Cannot be Estimated

even approximately; it will be known only when, one by one, the poor mutilated bodies have been taken from their pyre, and the horrible aggregate computed with certainty. From whichever gallery they came, they were precipitated upon nearly the same spot, and lay as they fell, the entire pile covering an area of 15 by 35 feet. Evidently the flooring of the vestibule, at the end nearest the stairway, had given way first, and those who were standing upon it, or after it fell those in the rear were pushed or pressed forward into the abyss.

Looking down from above the sight was horrible beyond description. Men, women and children were packed together in close as possible, their clothing burned from their bodies, and in many instances the flesh from the bones; the limbs distorted with agony or bent out of shape by the positions in which they fell; the faces shockingly burned and blackened; and in the space between the bodies and covering the whole, piles of girders and still smoking timbers. Strong men looking on turned pale and faint, and those who were compelled to perform the task of removing the bodies had a look of horror on their faces, and spoke the few words which were necessary to be spoken with bated breath. Hour after hour the work progressed, and every new horror gave fresh evidence of the extent of the calamity which had fallen upon Brooklyn. At first the number of killed was estimated at 35, then at 50, then at 150; and then all waited until the whole truth should be known, venturing no further conjectures. As body after body was extricated from the seething mass, others were found buried beneath, and the sad work continued, the end to be known only when the ruins of the theatre have been carefully examined in detail.

At the Morgue—A Touching Incident.

There were great, strong men lying blackened and lifeless on the floor of the Morgue. Their clothes in many instances were burned almost off their bodies. Some had had their brains dashed out, and open skulls with brain protruding made a common sight. The writer met a lady sad and weeping, and he asked her, "Madam, have you a sibling any loss here?" and she answered, with the tears standing big in her gentle brown eyes, "Yes, sir, I think this is my brother lying in front of us," and sure enough it was. She stooped and picked from his bosom, all black and burned, a pin with an emerald stone. "Yes, sir," she said, "that was my poor brother's favorite stud; it was a shamrock," and then she fell back into the reporter's arms, but quickly recovered and went home to, no doubt, a very sorrowful household.

As darkness grew upon the scene it was found necessary to illuminate the building, and in the absence of gas a plan was adopted that added greatly to the terrible appearance of the place. Upon the breast of each corpse was placed a lighted candle, and the only other lights in the vast building were candles carried by the Coroner's assistants and the undertakers' men. It is impossible to adequately describe that scene. The long lines of charred bodies, ghastly in their deformities, each bearing a lighted candle, the light of which shone upon the little piece of white paper bearing their number, the solemn stillness broken only by occasional whispers and sobs that echoed among the rafters until they were lost in the gloomy recesses of the building, made an awful and weird-like scene that can never be forgotten by those that witnessed it.

The crowds at the Morgue filled up the passage on Willoughby street early in the morning, and as the day passed they thronged about the windows on each side of the building, through which they could see the bodies lying within on the floor. The throng was orderly, but morbidly eager to feast their eyes upon the revolting spectacle they had come to see. Women came as well as men, and little children were among the crowd, drawn along by a terrible fascination which they could not resist. The sight in the first apartment on the right of the entrance, through which the entire crowd were compelled to pass, was a horrible one to contemplate. Strong men, catching a glimpse of the mass of cinders and distorted bodies through the doorway, hesitated at the fearful sight before entering, while women and girls who had come to find brothers or fathers in the charred heap, shuddered with terror or wept with bitterness, while many of them were unable to go on with their search. On the floor of the first apartment lay twenty-one bodies. All were black and crisp, their clothing hanging in broken cinders upon their limbs. Here and there were forms that showed gleaming spots of white flesh through the broken clothing, but the greater part of them were entirely black. All showed how terrible had been the struggle for life, and there was a uniformity of attitude—the arms and feet drawn up—that indicated that each and every victim had made a desperate effort to save himself from the flames. Here was a body with arms outstretched above the head, the hands burned off, and the bony stumps showing the bleeding sinews beneath the crusted edge; there was a body burned to the raw, a few rags only remaining of the clothing that had covered it; here again was a body black from head to the shortened legs, with an eye fiery red protruding from its socket. Many of the poor fellows had been exposed to the full fury of the flames, and their remains were headless and legless stumps, destroyed past all recognition. In the room of the east side of the building, where there are flats for the dead from the hospitals or those found drowned, the floor was covered so thickly with bodies that all who passed through it were obliged to step carefully over the corpses, while the marble pavement was strewn with ashes which none could avoid treading. In this room were ten or fifteen bodies huddled closely together, or placed in separate boxes.

Claiming Bodies for the Spoils.

One of the most horrible instances connected with the fell catastrophe is vouched for by Captain Louis Worth, of the Sixth precinct police. Among the many bodies recovered was that of Louis Hecht, a bright and promising youth, residing at No. 431 Pulaski street. Louis was clad in good apparel, and in addition to a valuable gold watch and chain were other articles of jewelry which were plain to view as the body lay with the rest in the terrible ranks of mortality prepared for identification. Mr. Jacob Hecht, the parent of the dead boy, slowly traversed the line and at last recognized the sought-for remains. For a time he was plunged into the deepest grief at finding his worst fears realized. He was rudely pushed aside, by two men, who claimed also to recognize the corpse as that of a relative and who endeavored to get permission to remove it. Mr. Hecht spoke to them and clearly showed that it was the body of his son, whereupon they moved off and presently claimed another body that seemed to have valuables upon it. At first Mr. Hecht thought they were mistaken, but when they continued such work and three or four other parties tried to claim his son, and one of them insisted that the personal property up the corpse should be given them, his eyes were opened. He therefore left his surviving son, about fourteen years of age, to watch over the corpse and protect it from such ghouls while he attempted to obtain a permit from the Coroner to remove the remains. Failing in this he engaged a responsible party to watch them until they could be given up to him.

AFTER THE BATTLE.

The Election Excitement Cooling Off.

Chamberlain Inaugurated Governor of South Carolina.

HENDRICKS INTERVIEWED ON THE SITUATION.

Irregular Proceedings of Democrats in Various Electoral Colleges.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gov. Chamberlain Inaugurated.

COLUMBIA, December 7.—The Senate and Republican House passed a bill authorizing any qualified officer to administer the oath to the Governor. A few minutes past one the Republican members of the Senate marched to the Republican House, where Chamberlain was inaugurated and sworn in by Probate Judge Boone. He delivered a short inaugural.

The inauguration was over before it was known in the city, and the only parties admitted to it to authorities witnessed the ceremony. A company of troops were stationed in the lower corridor, and constabulary guarded the entrance.

Gov. Chamberlain, in his inaugural, said he accepted the office to which by a majority of the votes of the people he had been called, with the knowledge of grave responsibilities and difficulties. No consideration but duty impelled him to accept. He regarded the present hour in South Carolina as a crisis at which no patriotic citizen should shrink from any public post to which he is called. The present struggle is in defence of the foundation of our Government and institutions. If we fall now, the Government of South Carolina will no longer rest on the consent of the governed, expressed by a free vote of the majority of the people. If our opponents triumph under whatever guise of legal forms, free government in the State is overthrown. His chief care will be to contribute his utmost efforts to defend the rights, guard the peace and promote the welfare of all the people of the State. Other pressing duties had prevented his preparing the usual recommendations respecting public affairs. This will be made in time. The pressing duty now is to stand firmly against the aggression of our opponents. The position heretofore has been within the law. Only cowardice or treachery can rob the Republicans of victory. If the Republicans yield now, we shall witness the consummation of a cruel conspiracy by the Democrats to overcome by brute force the political will of 20,000 lawful voters. He had mourned over previous public abuses. He had labored for honesty, but he stood appalled at the recent crimes against freedom and good government recently witnessed in this State because the North is divided in sympathies and judgment upon such question. It is written in blood that no nation can safely rest on the enforced slavery or degradation of a race. Yet the American people are to-day divided on the question of the disfranchisement and degradation of the same race it freed, and what is more astonishing, the Republicans permitted errors attending the first efforts of this race in self government to so chill their sympathies as to stand and practically say the peace of political servitude is better than the abuses newly acquired freedom has brought. He denounced the conduct of the Democratic campaign as a brutal outrage, depending on fraud, proscription, intimidation and murder. Hampton said that he held not only the peace of the State, but his (Chamberlain's) life in his hands. This he did not doubt. His life could be easily taken, but nothing could make him abate the hatred and opposition to the enslavement of the people of South Carolina. All other considerations must yield to duty to resist the final success of that outrage attempted by the Democrats.

After delivering his inaugural the Legislature adjourned.

The Democratic House

appointed a committee to inform the Senate and General Ruger that it was the legal House under the decision of the Supreme Court, and requested the latter to withdraw his troops from the State House.

The Democratic House met with a constitutional quorum of members holding certificates from the Secretary of the State. They confirmed all acts previously done, and finally seated the Edgefield and Laurens delegation.

Another Blast from Hampton.

COLUMBIA, December 7.—Gen. Wade Hampton has issued the following card to the public:

The following paragraph appears in the address of D. H. Chamberlain, delivered in the Capitol to-day: "The gentleman who was my opponent for this office in the late election has recently declared, as I am credibly informed, that he holds not only the peace of this city and State, but my life, in his hand. I do not doubt the truth of the statement. Neither the public peace nor the life of any man who now opposes the consummation of this policy of fraud and violence is safe from the assaults of those who have enforced that policy." I pronounce this statement infamously false. I by my renewed exertions, have endeavored to preserve the peace of this State, and I have thus contributed to shield from popular indignation one who has proved himself a disgrace to his rank and a traitor to his trust. His conscience may make him tremble, but neither I nor the men with whom I act countenance the hand of the assassin.

(Signed) WADE HAMPTON.

OREGON.

Gov. Grover's Action Denounced.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December 7.—A Salem (Oregon) dispatch says the Republicans held a meeting last night to consider the action of Gov. Grover. Resolutions were passed denouncing him, and calling upon the United States Senate to prevent him from taking his seat, on the ground that he has wilfully violated his oath. Prominent Republicans advised a calm expression of public opinion, and it is now thought no outbreak will occur.

Later advices from Oregon state that O'Dell has been chosen messenger by the Republican electors. Cronin will act for the Democrats. It is said Grover's house is under guard.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7.—The latest advices from Salem, Oregon, say that all the Republican and Democratic electors assembled in the room of the Senate Chamber. The Secretary of State passed an envelope through the door to Cronin, who read it as the certificats of the vote given to O'Dell, Cartwright and himself. He then put it in his pocket, refusing to show it to the Republicans. O'Dell, Cartwright and Cronin seated themselves at a table, and organized by electing O'Dell chairman. Watts offered to leave the room, but as the other two Democrats, Kleppell and Caswell, refused to leave, he remained. At the request of the other Republicans, Watts then tendered his resignation as elector. O'Dell and Cartwright severally demanded their certificates of Cronin, who repeatedly refused to surrender them. After some time Cronin asked if they refused to act with him. O'Dell and Cartwright said "No" very emphatically, but demanded that their authority to act should be shown. Cronin then left the table, and the Republican electors having made no objection to co-operate with him, and after cal

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THE new extradition treaty arranged between our Government and England, bids fair to promptly yield fruit in the return of three criminals, guilty of fraudulent practices.

REDFIELD, the correspondent of the Cincinnati *Commercial*, is assured that $300,000 were sent to New Orleans to buy up the Returning Board. It failed of its purpose.

THE Republicans of this city, as well as elsewhere, had their jubilee over the certainty of HAYES' election last night. Two hundred guns were fired, and a general rejoicing occurred. We know of none better entitled to rejoice than the Republicans of old Allegheny, as they did their duty nobly in the Presidential canvass.

WE have received, but have not the space to publish, the address of the State Local Option Convention. The subject is a good one, and the gentlemen engaged in it are earnest, sincere persons. We wish success to every feasible temperance project that is in accord with practical sense, but our columns are too much occupied at the present for us to publish a lengthy address on any subject.

IN Missouri, it seems, the Democrats have an elector that not only was ineligible, but who could not be made eligible by an act of his own, to serve as a Presidential elector. He had been in the rebel service and his disabilities were not removed, hence, under the express language of the law, he cannot serve. Yet the Board retained him and he cast his vote. We mention this to show that the Democracy cannot make anything by the course they propose to pursue. Missouri can be challenged as readily as Louisiana or Florida.

THERE seems to us an unnecessary severity on the part of some of our cotemporaries, in criticising the personal allusions in the message of President GRANT. It is customary for Presidents, in their closing message, to make personal references with more freedom than at other times, and President GRANT has simply followed the general rule. In doing this, he referred freely and earnestly to the criticisms bestowed on him, and to his successes and errors, in a spirit of candor that ought to be sincerely respected. The message gives evidence that the President sought to do his duty as an honest man, with a desire to fully and conscientiously keep faith with the people, and he thinks that whatever judgment is set on his actions, his motives should not be impugned. In this he is undeniably right. His allusion to the San Domingo case was to illustrate that he acted wisely in that matter, and we think he makes a stronger case in behalf of that enterprise than he did while it was yet pending. We regard the personal part of the message as timely and proper.

MR. MALCOLM HAY makes it a point to be considered a gentleman of high-toned qualities, and above the evil propensities that so largely develop within the fold of the Democratic party. It will be remembered that he made his way to Florida quite hastily, right after the election. We now have a manifesto over his signature, with others, explaining why he is there. The following is an extract from this document: "Familiar with the history of carpet-bag corruption and misgovernment, we made a visit to Florida to convince us of the distress that rules. It has subverted her social order. It has plunged her people to the point of impoverishment. It has abolished the usual contentions of political parties and arrested the progress of her two races in self-government. In truth, the late struggle at the polls was not between Democrats and Republicans. It was between a hapless race misguided by a few knavish adventurers, and even convicted felons who call themselves Republicans, and a gentle, long-suffering people, *whose patience has permitted their oppressors to live.*" Thus, according to Mr. HAY, the "bull dozing" business is a perfectly legitimate occupation, in which Democrats engage when their "patience" gives way a little. These Southern Democrats are a "gentle, long-suffering people," who have been shamefully abused by the Republicans. The two classes in Louisiana are just equivalent to what they have in Florida, and we have the testimony to show just what gentleness they manifest. The striking feature in the above, however, is the countenance given to terrorism and murder at the South by Mr. HAY, when they are perpetrated by Democrats whose "patience" has given way. There is an old adage that "evil communications corrupt good manners," and we should say, on this principle, that Mr. HAY by his own showing has been keeping the worst kind of company.

THE full report from Oregon dissipates the seriousness of the first news, and shows that while the Democrats there sought to cheat HAYES out of one vote, they were so bungling in their rascality, as to be entirely out of the range of law. The Governor actually withheld certificates from the Republican electors, and set up his Democratic friend, who had not been elected at all, to call in two others, both of whom prove to be Democrats, to play their little game. For a non-elected person, who had he been legally elected, would have been in the minority, to assume the rights and powers of the majority, is a little steep, at the best. But to assume to do this with the majority present is impudence that borders on the sublime. This part of the game was overdone. The Republicans met, received the resignation of one of their number, filled the vacancy in accordance with the law, and proceeded to cast the entire electoral vote for HAYES, and to prepare a certified list of the votes electing them, all of which have been forwarded to Washington. This ends that matter. At Washington, while it seems to be admitted by some that TILDEN would take the office if he could get it by such means, others among Democrats concede that it can only amount to forcing the Senate to go behind the face of returns to inquire into their legality,—a point the Democrats wish to apply to Florida and Louisiana. Even the New York *Herald* admits that HAYES has the legal number of electoral votes, and will receive the Presidential office. It says: The regular certificate gives 185 votes for HAYES and WHEELER and 184 for TILDEN and HENDRICKS. On the face of the certificates HAYES is therefore elected, and we judge it probable that this result will stand. At all events, the burden of proof is now on the side of the Democrats, with the *prima facie* case against them. Under ordinary circumstances, the certificates of the electoral colleges are accepted are conclusive, and it requires the strongest rebutting evidence to impeach their validity. The Democrats will make a vigorous struggle in Congress to have the certified votes of Louisiana thrown out, but we doubt whether they themselves have any expectation of success. They may gain a party advantage by agitating the subject and parading evidences of fraud, but it is against all probability that they will succeed in making Mr. TILDEN the next President of the United States.

CREMATION.

The burning of the body of Baron DE PALM, at Washington, has been called an experiment; but this it hardly was. The possibility of reducing the human body to ashes was settled centuries ago, and no doubt is entertained on that subject. The effect of the burning, as regards the sending forth of unhealthy gases and vapors, was probably never carefully tested,—this method of disposing of the dead in earlier ages being more a heathen custom than a scientific method. Mumification was the oldest known method among the Egyptians, though burial outdates that. It is not known just what motive induced mumifying, but its application to animals has led to the belief that it became a religious custom, whatever its origin may have been. The result was a vast accumulation of mummies. "All this is a mummy," said an Arab to a French savant, pointing from the summit of the great pyramid to fifty leagues of space around them. While the Jews generally buried their dead, it is believed, from the language of Isaiah 30, verse 33 that they also practiced incineration; but it may be questioned whether they had not lapsed into idolatry when they did it. The Jews were governed by custom so fully, however, that it may be questioned whether the burial of SARAH by ABRAHAM, and his own interment, afterward in the cave of Macpelah did not govern them.

The Greeks used both methods,—burial and incineration, and the term employed to refer to the disposal of the dead, applied indifferently to either method. But incineration, in their day, could not be other than offensive. An open funeral pyre was employed, and the body was burned in the presence of relatives. The same rule was observed among the early Romans. SYLLA was burned,—and through the early history of the Roman republic burning was common,—and continued under the Empire until in the Fourth century when the Emperor and nobles became Christians when the practice fell into disuse. Interment, in the neighborhood of the churches succeeded incineration, and for a long time was unobjectionable, but eventually the disengagement of gases affected the public health very sensibly. This has been the experience in modern times. In London, 1,500,000 bodies have been interred in a space of not more than 318 acres, and epidemics resulted. The same general experience was had in Paris, with the addition of accidents from the escape of carbonic acid from graves. Thus the disposal of dead bodies have usually been matters of religion, convenience, health, and taste. We doubt if there is any scriptural prohibition of the burning of dead bodies, where no forms of heathen worship are associated. The objection with most persons to a change depends on the fact that religious forms and ceremonies are associated with interment, and these are revered. Custom, which is often law, will resist the general acceptance of the new method.

THE NEW COMPLICATIONS.

The events of Wednesday have put the Presidential issue into a very serious shape, and the issue of the struggle that must certainly follow cannot be confidently predicted. The most serious of all is the case of Oregon. The Governor of that State directed certificates to be issued to two HAYES and one TILDEN elector. The first question that arises, in considering this action is, was it legal? The Democrats in their Florida case, where it was rumored that Governor STEARNS would claim this authority, emphatically denied it, and it was his disavowal of a fixed purpose to claim this power that prevented a decision of the Court against him. If he had not the power on the general issue of granting certificates, the Governor of Oregon had not. But the refusal to issue to a Republican elector turned on his supposed ineligibility at the time of his election. He had purged himself of this, by resigning his position as Postmaster, and under the decision of Attorney General TAFT became eligible, and by resigning to the board, could be re-elected. The uniform practice has been, for the Board of Electors to act upon vacancies, from whatever cause arising; and the two legally elected members of the Electoral Board in Oregon filled the vacancy by electing the gentleman originally elected, he having in the meantime freed himself of his disability to serve. Certainly this rule must work uniformly, if at all. If when an elector is ineligible, the next highest on the ticket is to be commissioned, there are several Democratic electors who are ineligible. In New Jersey, for example, the Democrats were notified formally that one elector was ineligible, but they paid no attention to it. Some uniform rule must be adopted, and that defined by Attorney General TAFT would constitute the Republican Board in Oregon the only legal one.

Two of those elected were Republicans, and from these certificates were withheld, the Governor strangely giving the certificates for all to a man not elected by the people. For whether the so-called ineligible Republican could have the certificates or not, there is no question that he had a majority of votes. The certificate, therefore, was given to a person who had not a majority, and this person assumed to appoint two others as electors, and the three cast what purported to be electoral votes. In the meantime, the two Republican electors, who were present, and who had not resigned and were not ineligible, met, filled the single vacancy, and an Electoral Board, made up of those who undoubtedly received the majority of the votes of the people, cast their ballots for HAYES and WHEELER. There can be no possible difficulty in determining where the right is, but the case has complicated surroundings, which may involve a fierce struggle.

There are other contested cases where double boards have met and voted. Vermont has a claimant, ALDRICH, who rests his case on precisely the principle on which the Oregon Democrat was declared elected,—the professed ineligibility of the one having the majority. In South Carolina, despite HAMPTON'S pledge, and Florida and Louisiana, double boards have met, one voting for TILDEN and the other for HAYES. These cases will necessarily go to Congress, unless some plan is devised for submitting them to the decision of the United States Supreme Court. It is impossible that the two Houses of Congress should determine it. It is presumable that the House would utterly refuse to permit the President of the Senate to determine which of two sets of electors were eligible,—as he would be compelled to do in five cases, were he alone to count the vote. Were there no conflict in principle, in making this determination, it would be different; but no single rule, as regards a *prima facie* case, will reach just results. Oregon is undeniably Republican. In Louisiana, where, taking the vote as cast, TILDEN has a majority, the rectification of the vote gave the certificates, honestly and rightly, as we believe, to HAYES. Thus on the face, no uniform rule can be made. Attorney General TAFT'S rule, that the intention of the people shall be respected is the only fair guide; but it is obvious that the House will not permit the President of the Senate to be judge of this. On the other hand the Senate will not permit the House to filch the Presidential vote, and by improper methods secure a Democratic President. If a conflict occurs, the Senate undoubtedly has the power. The joint rule does not exist, and if it did, would not help the Democrats. No rule will be made, of course, so long as the Democrats adhere to the idea that the joint rule exists. We even doubt, at this time, whether the Democracy will agree to EDMUND'S amendment to the constitution. If not a conflict seems inevitable. The President of the Senate must assume, as matters stand, to determine who are the legal electors.

A TRUE AMERICAN HEROINE.

Alone With Death in an Isolated Colorado Park—A Thrilling Story With a Moral.

On Friday night of last week, in one of the small parks of Colorado lying among the mountains on the North Platte, there was a curious scene. There, in a place fifteen miles away from the nearest neighbor, sat a woman, surrounded by her family of seven children, and watching the dead body of her husband. A large fire which she and her eldest boy, a lad of fourteen, had built, threw a ghastly glare over the lonely landscape. The broad sky above and the huge hills around made more intense the sense of desolation and the littleness of humanity, and the murmur of the stream near by and the bark of the fox in the distance, were the only utterances of solitude to grief. This woman's story, as told in the Denver *Tribune*, is one of the most affecting in the strange annals of American pioneer adventure. Her husband, W. H. Ostrom, had come to Colorado from Alabama, and on account of the depredation of the grasshoppers had not been very prosperous. He had prepared a new home for his family in a park on the North Platte, and set out that morning from Pine Grove Gulch for the journey of twenty miles in a Western wagon drawn by a team of mules, and loaded with his household and his household goods. Towards evening, as he was crossing a small stream at a rough part of the road, one of the mules shied, and the wagon was overturned. It is probable that Ostrom was walking beside it, and flung himself in the way to try and save his wife and children. They were thrown violently out and he was caught under the overturned wagon and borne to the ground with the cross-bar of the wagon-bed across him and a weight of 1,300 pounds crushing him. His terrified wife found him lying in this way, cool and considerate, but very pale. He directed her in her vain efforts to pry the wagon over, and died within five minutes, even while assuring her that he was not dangerously hurt. The oldest boy was on foot, driving a cow, and came up only in time to join his mother in her attempts to release his father's dead body. With true pioneer readiness and sternness the team was unhitched and put to drag the off the wagon, the corpse was rolled in a sheet, a fire was built, the mules were corralled, and the widow and orphans sat down to their dismal bivouac. Even when death comes by slow approaches and with fair warning, where the care of anxious friends and the comforts of civilized life mitigate suffering, the loss of a husband and father is a calamity that evokes our sympathy for the afflicted. It is a grief that no condolences can soften, no wealth alleviate, no compensation remunerate durable. It would be useless, therefore, to dwell upon the terrors of death when it struck the head of a family unexpectedly and violently in a Colorado wilderness, leaving a woman and children desolate, with darkness and the desert about them. We think a picture of this night-watch of Mrs. Ostrom would be characteristic of a great phase of American life as any scene that the imagination could conceive of. In her bitter experience, giving us a glimpse of the sufferings of the women of the Western frontier, we have something to suggest the trials and labors of all that hardy generation which pushed slowly on from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, before whom the red man has receded like the horizon. It is the fault of our time to underrate the rough virtues of the pioneers, and forget the value of their achievements. We are losing sight of the romantic and heroic aspects of their life, in the refinements and luxuries of our own. Her story should bring back old memories to those in the heart of civilization, and teach them what it cost. It was not by enchantment that the log cabin was changed to the brown-stone mansion, the homespun dresses to silk, the emigrant wagons to carriages. The metamorphosis was rapid, but it was the result of the sacrifice and endeavor of ages heaped into a few years. The Colorado woman, sitting all night in her mournful bivouac, with her seven children around her and the corpse of her husband just outside of the glare of the fire, stiffening in the frost—this penniless widow arousing herself in the morning, taking the dead body on the wagon and retracing her steps toward civilization, is as distinct a type of American womanhood as the gayest lady that attends church in New York to-day. They have different missions, but neither of them should forget that they are sisters.

In Love with Miss Kellogg.

A young lady in one of the interior towns of the State, a highly accomplished musician and an ardent admirer of Miss Kellogg, came to Detroit last week to hear her favorite. After listening to her on Wednesday evening she determined to have an interview with the fair singer, and accordingly the next morning dispatched a note, setting forth in phrases of delicate compliment her admiration of Mignon. Miss Kellogg curtly replied that she would receive no callers. Another note met with the fate of the first. An interview was coldly refused. The opera company were to go to Chicago by special train, leaving on Sunday morning. To the station the young lady repaired, but was informed that the train would take no way passengers, and was refused a ticket. Then she besought a bystander to tell her in which car was Miss Kellogg. At the door she met a minion in top boots, who sternly insisted that she had no business there; but she brushed him away, and secured later Miss Kellogg in her arms, to the unqualified astonishment of that lady and the imminent peril of her back hair and Sunday hat. When she found breath to inquire why this was thus, she leaned back and gazed into the face of the fresh, fair young girl, with no symptoms of insanity, but only consumed with an intense love, passion, and bound to declare it then and there. The cantatrice listened, and as she did so her heart warmed toward the spirited young visitor, and she held out her hand in token of friendship. As the bell rang for the train to start the damsel besought the favor of a kiss, and Miss Kellogg graciously presented her cheek and warmly returned the salutation.—*Detroit Post.*

Plans and Specifications of a Bride.

The following advertisement, taken from the files of a London (Canada) paper, is copied gratuitously: "Wife—A Bride Wanted.—A preacher, 30 years of age, who has traveled six years in the Lord's vineyard with an eye single to His glory—well recommended for his faithfulness and truth—desires to marry a good lady who has talent and ability to assist the cause, a gift to sing, able to weigh an argument, and some skill in presenting it by talking and writing, and worth $2,000. None need apply without reciprocating frankness and sincerity, and giving sufficient guarantee of the above qualities; photograph, age, etc., stating whether settled or unsettled in religious belief. But doctrinal ideas nor perfection will not be the test, though candor, amiability, and opportunities, influences, and circumstances of past life will be considered. Also, it will be necessary to give some reason of the hope that is within, and show willingness hereafter to unite whole soul in the work of righteousness, without resignation to the will of God, show a seeking to walk according to His Word, and a true desire to know what God requires. Any who would fill the bill please address," &c., &c. Even so would the Reverend Chadband have advertised for a wife.

A Greeleyism.

Bayard Taylor, in his speech in Greenwood Cemetery, yesterday, spoke of the face of the Greeley statue as being turned toward the city which Greeley so much loved. It is turned into the direction of Coney Island, a city chiefly inhabited by clams. These bivalves Mr. Greeley hated, and once, when a dish of them was brought him for lunch, he arose and calmly remarked:

"I could kill the man who put those clams there."

There were occasions in Mr. Greeley's life when he was not, strictly speaking, a philosopher.

The "Donation" Season.

The season for donation parties has arrived. The donation party is one of the most effective of our institutions. It brings pastor and people into closer and dearer relations; it strengthens the bonds of tenderness and love which unite them and usually obliges the minister to walk about two miles early the next morning to exchange four quarts of beans and a pin-cushion for something to eat for breakfast.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Mrs. Lincoln is now living at Pau.

—General Grant has bought a new house in Washington.

—Yellow Jack's victims in Savannah this year numbered 940.

—Enter visitor. Speaks: "The Electoral Coll—" Bang! bang! (Enter coroner. Same old verdict. Number 2,829.)

—The French Government has advanced 35,000,000 francs toward the expenses of the World's Fair to be held in Paris in 1878.

—Some one, remarks a Californian, who believes that "brevity is the soul of wit," writes: "Don't eat stale Q-cumbers. They'll W up."

—Pat away their little roosters,
They will never need them more,
For "rolled crow" is now their diet,
On Salt River's dismal shore.

—Norristown *Herald:* The girl of the period—Election Bet. We thought her name was Louisa Anna.—*New York Herald.* How about Caroline and little Flora Day.

—The Detroit *Free Press* says that Miss Augusta Dargon "seems to hover half way between Ciara Morris and the great tragedy queens such as Cushman and Kemble."

—General McKenzie, with only guns, pistols and sabres, and without a brass band, has just killed 200 Cheyennes. We may, therefore, say that he laid low the poor Indian, whose untooted mind, &c.—*Graphic.*

—General McClellan is said to be writing a history of the war, his main idea being his personal vindication. He has already the yard of Sankey Bros., above Thirtieth and is approaching the preface by zigzags. —*Graphic.*

—None but criminals will complain that an Anglo-American extradition treaty is in a fair way to be re-established. It may be that the Turkish complications have incited the British Government to remove hastily all differences with this country.

—The natives of northern India were greatly alarmed the other day, by what was supposed to be a large meteoric stone, shooting eastward with terrific velocity, but it afterwards transpired that it was only Don Pedro on his way to China.

—Gov. Fairbanks, of Vermont, has a disease of the throat which so painfully affects his swallowing that his physicians are obliged to use chloroform to relieve his suffering. They are able to administer concentrated liquid food only at rare intervals.

—Toombs threatens to start a newspaper. His dream of calling the roll of his slaves at the foot of Bunker Hill Monument seems to have faded "into the infinite azure of the mist," but his "cussedness" is one of those things that he is going to keep to be buried with him.

—It is a pitiful sight to see a heavy Ulster overcoat try to go home with a weak young man in a rain storm. The coat absorbs about a barrel of water, and must touch on the side walk when the young man is breathing between heats from one crossing to another.

—Mrs. Julia Ward Howe preached at Newport on Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Howe has a pretty, cozy country place a mile or two out of Newport, wherein, before her husband's death, she was wont often to entertain artists, good talkers, and literary people generally.

—The subject of Mr. Tennyson's new drama is the early history of this country. A correspondent of the *Boston Advertiser* says that the writting of the play was a secret so well kept that many of his friends first learned the fact from the advertisement which lately appeared.

—A strong pressure is being brought to bear to induce the opening of Columbia College, in New York, to women. President Barnard is said to be strongly inclined to entertain the proposition, but it meets with decided opposition from other members of the Faculty and from the Trustees.

—Charles Fenno Hoffman, a noted litterateur of the old *Knickerbocker Magazine* days, recently reported dead, is still living, at the age of 70, in the State Lunatic Asylum at Harrisburg, and his insanity is less violent than for many years. He has now twenty-six years since his retirement from the world.

—Parliament at its last session cut down Queen Victoria's allowance to $8,270 per day, and now the poor old girl spends hours sitting with a fashion magazine in her lap and holding an old dress in each hand, wondering how she can contrive to make one new one out of the two. Heaven help the poor.

—Dr. McCosh having protested against their use, the trustees of Princeton College have ordered the removal of the billiard tables lately presented to that institution. After a while the Presidents of our American colleges will protest against boat-racing, and then there will be no inducement left for our young men to enter college.

—There is a sweet clerk in an uptown store, who all day long says: "Ah, madam, ah," in true Philadelphia style, and in the evening, when he is playing shuffle-board in a lager beer saloon he says: "If these devilish scoundrels down in Florida count Tilden out, I wouldn't give five cents for any four bladed knife in this country."

—Senator Conkling's physicians think that now he is recovering, his malarial fever having reached its culminating point. He contracted this fever while attending the last Summer's session of Congress. He was in his usual seat on Monday, and looked as well as ever save that his eyes were much swollen. His neuralgia especially affects the optic nerve.

—The Dundee *Advertiser* announces the death of James Chapman, the last survivor of the crew of Nelson's famous ship, the Victory. He was born in 1784, and pressed into the navy in 1803. Put on board the flagship, he served two years under Lord Nelson, and was present when the Admiral was mortally wounded, on the quarter deck of the Victory.

—Mr. Edward Everett Hale says that he has "within six months talked with a highly cultivated American woman who did not know the difference between a Senator and a Representative in Congress." And he "went into a public school one day and asked a question about the battle of the Brandywine, to find that the class had never heard of it, and was only amused by the fondness of the teacher."

—The Khedive of Egypt has obviated all cause for disagreement in his Cabinet by removing his Minister of Finance and appointing his son, Prince Hassan, to the vacancy. The ex-Minister, who had been very insolent to the Khedive, was exiled from Cairo after a drunken debauch. "Fond drinking," which the *Spectator* says, is probably a sarcastic way of stating that he has been drowned in the Nile.

—Miss Clara Morris has that excellent thing in women, a soft, low, and pathetic voice. It has so impressed a correspondent of the Boston *Gazette* that he writes: "I believe that if Clara Morris should simply say, 'May I trouble you for another piece of that beefsteak?' I would burst into tears. The tenderness and pathos in the quality of voice that unlocks the floodgates, in the slow, peculiar, pronunciation she gives to every word."

—John Taylor Johnston, of New York, late of a millionnaire, President of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, and one of its largest stockholders, has lost the most of his fortune by the rapid decline of the stock. His collection of paintings, with the exception of those of Belmont and Marshall O. Roberts, was the finest in America. These gems, carefully gathered through long years, must now pass under the hammer.

—The Kahn of Khiva is a pleasant person of about eight and twenty, with a merry twinkle in his eye, very unusual among Orientals. He dresses richly, and wears a black astrakhan hat of a sugar-loaf shape. He is, upon occasion, hospitable and friendly, but he has vague notions about the world outside his own dominions. He asked Capt. Burnaby whether Englishmen and Germans are of the same nation; and if the Queen could have a subject's head cut off, and he uttered the remarkable statement that China belonged to England.

—Redfield, speaking of the attempts to bribe the Louisiana Returning Board, says: "These men, who compose the Returning Board, have been abused fully as much as they deserve. They are Republicans from principle. They endanger their lives by counting in the Republican ticket, but are without reward. On the other hand, they could get a hundred thousand dollars each to count in Tilden. It is asserted that three hundred thousand dollars of Democratic money from New York is now here, to be used, if possible, for buying up the Board, but so far without success. This money may have been sent by New York betting men. I do not know as to that; but I have reasonably good authority for saying that it has so far been without avail. I am informed that one of the members of the Board has been approached in a manner that he could not misunderstand, but the approach was useless. If the Board was as black as it has been painted, it seems remarkable that so large a sum should have no influence upon them."

Is it from Experience?

We find this in *The Nation*, and we would just like to know Robert, dear, if it is a leaf from experience or observation? "When a Franklin Square girl's father at a quarter past eleven cautiously entered the parlor with a hat in each hand remarked quite firmly: 'Mr. Hotcloth, I was just going out to take a snuff of air, and thought I'd ask you which hat was yours, so as not to make a mistake?' young Hotcloth took his arm from the girl's waist, and as a shade streaked over his features he said: "Oh, yes, Mr. Coldbath, I must go down and see the election bulletins before they're taken in;' and after looking at the girl with a variegated aspect, he passed out, bidding the old man a heartfelt good night robed in about as much feeling as a champagne headache."

A Word in Season.

If you enter a room nowadays and some one makes a convulsive movement to hide something, which she endeavors with very poor success, to look sublimely unconscious of anything unusual, it is better for you to gaze intently at the ceiling, and at the first opportunity glide out of the room. It may be a pair of slippers, or a dressing gown, or night—or something, and the surprise will be greater Christmas morning if you exhibit an apparent insensibility to the manifest designs of wamankind.

PRIDE.

I had a little rosebud given to me,
I dropped it as I wore it one fair day;
I would not turn to seek it—no; for then
'Twere plain I prized it; so I went my way.

I had a love that made my life a joy,
It seemed to falter one bright summer day;
I could have won it back with but a smile;
I would not smile and so I went my way.

Oh, pride, thou stealest our most treasured things,
Things which to gain we'd risk all else besides;
Lost, lost my rosebud, lost my love, alas!
I might have found them but for thee, oh pride!
—*Galaxy.*

AMONG THE MILLS.

Items of Interest in Regard to Manufactories.

(From the American Manufacturer.)

THEY are getting up a pistol factory in West Pittson, Pa.

EVERSON, MACRUM & Co.'s mills are stopped, and extensive repairs are being made.

THE Altoona *Tribune* says there is hope that the railway shops there may shortly be rendered very busy.

THE Beaver Falls (Pa.) Cutlery Works, which has only been running eight hours a day for some time, is now working ten hours.

WE understand that the mill department of Smith, Sutton & Co., steel manufacturers, is running double turn. The balance of the works is working single turn.

THE United States Brick Machine Company have placed one of their machines at the yard of Sankey Bros., above Thirtieth street, South Side, and operations are about to commence.

THE Rubber Works at Williamsport, Pa., are running to their full capacity, and find it impossible to fill all their orders. At present they are turning out daily 2,000 pairs of shoes and two hundred pairs of patent rubber boots.

IT IS stated that there are thirty-one white lead manufactories in the United States, sixteen of which are west, and fifteen east of the Alleghany mountains. There are six works running in Pittsburgh, and the seventh is in bankruptcy.

WE saw a sheet of "water proof" paper the other day which it was almost impossible to tear, although it was only about as thick as ordinary printing paper, and when wet is stronger than when dry. It is manufactured at Latrobe, Westmoreland county, Pa.

IT was rumored at Scranton that the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway Company will suspend operations in its mines and workshops in the middle of December. The company employs about four thousand men and boys. A meeting of miners was held to discuss the situation.

THE Edgar Thompson Steel Company are having a second set of casting pipes made, it being the design to have two sets on hand. They are being made by William B. Scaife & Sons. The roof of their casting house is also being rebuilt by the Keystone Bridge Company, the same company that constructed the first one.

THE first arm out of ten, each weighing 3,200 pounds, has just been cast at the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company's Foundry. The arms are for the support of a large fly wheel for the rail mill, which will weigh, when finished, upwards of fifty tons. The hub was cast on Wednesday, weighing over eleven tons. The half segments, ten in number, will each weigh upward of 5,200 pounds. The wheel is to be placed in position, commencement of New Year.—*South Cleveland Advocate.*

Novelties in Table Linen.

In table linen there are even greater novelties, as the furor for color in that used for breakfast affords ample scope for eccentricities. They are gray damask cloths with designs woven in white; ecru damask cloths trimmed with fringe, and white damask cloths with embroidered borders in colors, the serviettes, or napkins, of course, matching in all cases. Sometimes the embroidered designs illustrate comic subjects, sometimes sporting and again rural, or even sentimental subjects. Blue, red and yellow are the leading colors employed in this embroidery. The cloths and serviettes known as "Russian" appear to bear the palm so far as popularity and expense are concerned.

Art needlework was never more popular than at the present time, and is, as is usual at the approach of the holidays, sending out articles decidedly unique in design. The leading object is the "carpet mat," which throws in the shade last season's intricate pieces of handiwork familiarly termed "scratch my back" (a match-lighter), and "I heal all wounds save those of love" (a holder for court plaster). This mania for manufacturing gay colored mats from the ravelings of carpets has so largely possessed the feminine fancy that the old bits of tapestry carpets heretofore willingly given away by retail dealers now command a fair price and fail to supply the demand.—*N. Y. World.*

How a French Actress Won a Nobleman.

At a fair given for the benefit of the poor at one of the Paris theatres, a very pretty actress presided over one of the stands, when a Russian nobleman, who chanced to be present, hastily asked her how much she would take for a kiss. She glanced at him rather sternly, and replied that she would not kiss any man but her betrothed. The prince passed on; but returned to the stand a quarter of an hour afterward, and said rather thoughtfully to the actress: "Will you permit me to ask you another question, mademoiselle?" "With pleasure, sir." "Have you a betrothed?" She eyed him a moment in surprise, and then said, with a blush and smile: "No, sir." "Would you like to have one?" "That depends upon circumstances," she said, laughing. "Well, then, would you take me?" So saying he handed her his card. She was greatly surprised, and finally stammered that she would give him an answer the next day. On the following morning he called at her house, the reply was in the affirmative, and to-day mademoiselle is a princess and a happy wife.

A Shrewd Collector.

There is a bill collector in Virginia, Nevada, who knows a thing or two. When he drops in on a Republican, he remarks: "Well, they've settled Hayes, eh?" "How's that?" Tilden gives up the fight. *Enterprise* just got the dispatch and so did the *Chronicle.*" "Good enough. Hurrah for Hayes!" (Jumps around the room and yells.) "By the way, I've got a little bill of $45 against you." "All right; just receipt it, and here's your coin. I'll pay any man $45 for such good news as that. Now I'll go out and collect from a Democrat." (Exit. People in a state of hilarity to collect $685 bet on Hayes.) The bill collector now reaches a Tilden man and opens up as follows: "Well, Hayes gives it up. Whole thing settled." "Bully for our side, knew it all along." "I've got a little bill here—$62.30." "Pass it right over; here's the coin. I'll win five times that much before I'll go out and collect my bets." (Exit Tilden Democrat to rake in his lucre.)

One of Tilden's Recipes.

Governor Tilden has written the following recipe for the "The Buckeye Cook Book": Take an iron flatiron—the larger the better—and bake it in the stove oven. Evening is the best time. When it is done through, which can be ascertained by expectorating upon it gently to see if it sizzles, remove it in a rag to your bed, and quickly join it. Nothing can be nicer. N. B.—Stir gently to keep from burning. (After you go to bed.)—*N. Y. Graphic.*

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New Plain and Crayon and Spatter-work Mottoes.
New Java Canvas, plain and plaid.
New Rat Cord, Waffle and Honey Comb Canvas.
New Zephyrs and fine Germantown and Balmoral Yarns.
New Hats and Bonnets, latest shapes.
Woolen Hoods, Jackets, and Sacques, knit and hand made.
Children's and Misses' Fur Hats and Caps.
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☞To this department has been added many other New Novelties. A new and very choice line of Woolen and Silk Dress Fringes, at much less than former prices; also an elegant line of Fur and Feather Trimmings, in all the various kinds at special low prices. Laces, Embroideries, Woolen and Lace Tidies, and a very fine assortment of Silk Handkerchiefs from 25 cents each up. Fancy Jewelry of every description, &c., &c., and a beautiful line of NEW HOLIDAY GOODS.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, FRIDAY, December 8, 1876.

The blustering weather of yesterday was unfavorable to business generally, and exerted a depressing influence on trade. It is not probable that there will be a very general rally, except in the holiday line, until after the New Year. During yesterday there was nothing new in the business of the loan market. The demand for bank accommodations is restricted by the general depression in business and enterprise. The liberal shipments of currency to the country have had the effect of improving collections, and to that extent lessening the demand of city merchants for loans. The bankers are pursuing a conservative policy in granting discounts, but have still means at the disposal of good borrowers.

Rates of discount are 8@10 per cent. at the banks to regular customers. Special rates are made in special cases. On the street there is a scarcity of good paper. Rates are 7 per cent. and upwards.

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	107¾	5-20's 1868 coupons	116¾
U. S. 6's 1881, coup	116¾	10-40's	112¾
" 1868	110	Currency 6's	125½
" 1865 new	112¼	New 5 per cents	110¾
5-20's 1867	113	10-40's coupons	—

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Central	101¾	Ohio & Mississippi	30
Erie	9¾	Union Pacific	58
L. S.	68¾	Toledo & Wabash	6½
C. C. & I. C	83	Harlem	138½
St. Paul	19¾	Adams Express	106
Do. Pref	32¾	American Express	61
Michigan Southern	66¾	U. S. Express	35
Do. Central	42¾	W. Farrgo & Co.	87
Northwestern	36¼	Quicksilver	18½
Do. Pref	59¾	Mariposa	4½
Rock Island	99¾	Hannibal & St. Jo.	12¾
Cleve. & Pitts	—	Panama	125
Pacific Mail	24¾	Iron Mountain	20¾
Western Union Tel.	72¾	N. J. Central	99
Delaware, L. & W	—		

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R.	58¾	Cen. Trans(B)	33¾
Reading (S)	58¾	Penn. Tr. (A)	50
U. Cos. of N. J. (B)	138	A. V. R. R. (B)	104
Oil Creek (B)	84¾	P. C. & St. L. T's (B)	82½
Lehigh Valley (B)	46¾	Pacific Mail bonds (B)	12

NEW YORK, December 7, 1876.

Money 4@5; prime mercantile paper 5 @6½. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $507,000. The customs receipts were $217,000. The clearings were $30,000,000. Sterling was dull at 482@484. Gold opened at 108, advanced to 108⅛, fell off to 107⅞, and closed at 107¾. The carrying rates were 3@4½. Governments were steady. Railroad bonds were quiet. State securities were dull. Stocks, with the exception of Illinois Central, which was 2 lower, opened strong and higher, with an advance of 1½ in Lake Shore and 1 per cent. in Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. During the afternoon there was a bearish attack on Illinois Central and a break of 3 per cent. in the stock, which had an influence on the general list, with the exception of Northwest securities, which were all strong.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Co., to-day declared a dividend of 2½ per cent. on its preferred stock, payable December 22d, at the office of the company in this city. The report for six months ending November 30, shows a net profit of 4 54-100 per cent., on preferred stock after paying a dividend of 2½ per cent., and leaves a balance in cash of about $40,000, or 2 per cent, to be carried over for the next dividend, due June, 1877. The floating debt is all paid up to date, and interest paid in full upon all outstanding bonds. The President reports the road in first class condition in every way, and the prospects of future business are highly satisfactory.

The transactions were 95,000 shares, of which 60,000 Lake Shore, 13,000 Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 8,000 Michigan Central, and 3,500 Michigan Central.

Governments.—United States Coupon, 1881, 116; 5-20s '65, 108¾; 5-20s '65, new, 112¾; 5-20s '67, 115½; do. '68, 116½; new 5s, 110½; new 4½, 108; 10-40s, 112½; do. coupons, 112½; currency 6s, 120½.

State Bonds.—Tennessees old, 43¾; do. new, 43¾; Virginia new, 30; do. old, 30; Missouri 6s, 105½.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 72 1-8; Quicksilver, 13; do. preferred, 18¾; Pacific Mail, 24¾; Mariposa, 4½; do. preferred, 9; Adams Express, 105½; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 87; American Express, 60½; United States Express, 35; New York Central, 101½; Erie, 9¾; do. preferred, 16; Harlem, 138¾; do. preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 42½; Panama, 120; Union Pacific, 58; Lake Shore, 56¾; Illinois Central, 65½; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 89; Northwestern common, 36¼; do. preferred, 59½; C. C. & I., 86; New Jersey Central, 54½; Rock Island, 99¾; St. Paul, 19½; do. preferred, 32¾; Toledo & Wabash, 6½; do. preferred, 8½; Fort Wayne, 101½; Terre Haute, 103½; do. preferred, 115; Chicago & Alton, 99; do. preferred, 109; Ohio & Mississippi, 5½; Delaware & Lackawanna, 70½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 15; Missouri Pacific, 3; Atlantic & Pacific preferred, 2; Indiana Central, 3¾; Burlington & Quincy, 134½; Hannibal & St. Joe, 12¾; Central Pacific, 109; Union Pacific, 105½; Union Pacific land grants, 100; Union Pacific Sinking Funds, 90¾.

LONDON, December 7.—The bullion in the Bank of England decreased £56,000 in the past week. The amount withdrawn from the bank on balance to-day was £53,000. The proportion of bank reserve to liability is 52¾ per cent. Consols, 93 13-16; 5-20s of '65, 104; do. '67, 103½; 10-40s, 107½; new 5s, 105½; New York Central, 96; Erie, 9; do. preferred, 16.

PARIS, December 7.—Rentes, 104f 25c.

FRANKFORT, December 7.—U. S. new 5s, 101½.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 7, 1876.

Business generally has been dull since the date of our last general report, but prices of most of the leading articles are steady. Wheat and Flour are decidedly firmer, and the indications point to an early advance. Groceries continue dull, but prices are steady. The market in the Hog products continues light and prices remain unchanged. Potatoes firm and higher. Butter, Eggs and Cheese in steady demand at our quotations. Pig Iron continues dull. Petroleum in good demand—refiners are all busy.

APPLES—There is a fair demand, but no change in prices, which we continue to quote at $1@1.50 per bbl, for fair to choice fruit.

APPLE-BUTTER—Is quoted at 40c per gallon in kegs and 45c in smaller packages.

BEANS—In light supply, and prime new crop navies are quoted steady at $1.75 per bushel to the trade and $2 in a small way.

BROOM CORN—Demand fair for small lots only; no car lots moving unless at a sacrifice. No. 1 hurl, 6a6½c; No. 2 hurl, 5¼a6c; choice green brush that will work up, 5a5¼; choice corn or stalk brush, 5a5½c; choice covers and insides, 5a5½; inferior, 3 a4½; crooked, 2½a3½.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3¾a4 cents.

BROOMS—In good demand without any speculative movement, although Broom Corn has advanced a cent to a cent and half per pound over the prices of a month ago. We quote 'Union' factory as follows:

No 5 extra Parlor	do,	4 do, 28 4 50
No 4 do,	do,	3 do, 24 4 00
No 3 do.	do,	2 do, 24 4 00
No 3 carpet	do,	4 do, 28 4 75
No 2 carpet	do,	4 do, 24 3 50
No 3 carpet	do,	4 do, 24 3 75
No 6 Hurl Palated Brace		do, 24 2 75
No 5 Hurl	Velvet	4 do, 24 2 50
No 4 Hurl	do.	3 do, 22 2 25
No 3 Hurl	Brace	2 do, 20 2 00
No 2 Hurl—plain handle		2 do, 18 1 75
No 1 Hurl	do	2 do, 18 1 50
Patent Screw Ferule (plain handles, velvet finish		4 strings, weigh 2¾	4 75
Railroad, Steamboat, Mill and Stable (Hard-wood) plain		3 3-4	2 75
Whisks (6, Sand 10 and 12 inch) Velvet		1 50
Do,	do,	Plain	1 25
Do. Barber (12 and 14 inch) Plain		1 50
Toy (Fancy Handles, 10 and 12 inch) vel.		1 50
Do.	do.	do, plain. 2 25
Misses (Velvet		2 20

BUTTER—Dealers generally report a very fair demand for good stock, but that it is difficult to dispose of the common grades as they are not wanted. Sales of prime to choice rolls at 35a36c; do. solid packed, 32a33, and safes for inferior.

CHEESE—Prime Ohio Factory quoted at 16a18c to the wholesale trade, and 1c additional in a jobbing way. Market is reported firm, with a steady demand.

CORDAGE & ROPE—There is no improvement in business, and prices, which will be found annexed, have undergone no change:

MANILLA ROPE.

½ inch diameter and upwards	15¼ cts. per lb
⅜ "	15¾ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	16¼ "
Tarred rope and lath yarn	16¾ "
Hay, stave and leather twine	19¾ "

OIL WELL DRILLING CABLE.

Hawser laid	16¾ cts. per lb
" " Bolt Rope Yarns	16¾ "
Sand Pump Rope	16¾ "

SISAL ROPE.

½ inch diameter and upward	11¾ cts. per lb
⅜ "	12¾ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	12¾ "
Hay, spoke and leather twine	11¾ "
Lath Yarn	11¼ "

CIDER—Is dull at $3 @ $3.50 per bbl; barrels included.

CRANBERRIES—Selling at $7@8 per bbl, as to quality and condition.

DRIED FRUITS—Are inactive and prices wholly nominal. The export demand has slacked off, and there is a heavy decline noticed in the eastern markets. The local demand is insignificant. Apples cannot be quoted at over 4 to 4½c for prime to choice. Peaches are quiet; prime halves may be quoted at 10 to 12c, with very limited operations. Fancy unpeeled Peaches held at 45 to 48c, for choice peeled halves.

DRESSED HOGS—6¾a7c.

DRIED PEAS—The new crop of Canada green in good demand at $1 80 ⅌ bu in round lots, and $1.75 in a jobbing way.

EGGS—The stock of fresh is small and prices are well sustained, 27a28c. Pickled in fair supply and quiet at 20a22c.

FLOUR—The market continues firm with a very fair local trade, but there has been no advance here as yet in prices. We continue to quote good brands, of fresher winter or spring, at $6.50a6.75; patent process and fancy white wheat brands, $7a7. Rye flour is showing increased firmness and buoyancy as to values, on a comparatively active inquiry for supplies, especially of low and medium grades, which have been offered much less freely. Minnesota extras have been in quick request, particularly straight brands, of which in addition to the liberal trade dealings, some important purchases have been made for export, including on Saturday 1,500 bbls. for the English trade on the basis of $6.25 for fair quality. No. 2 and superfine flour again ruled higher, with the better qualities scarce and wanted. Export operations in flour were seriously impeded by the freight difficulty.

GAME—Is quoted as follows: Venison—Saddles, 15a16c ⅌ lb; do. Hams, 14a15c; Whole Deer, 10a12c; Quail, $1 50a2 75 per dozen; Pheasants, $1 50a4 00 per doz; Prairie Chickens, $4a4.50; Rabbits, $1a 1.50; Squirrels, 75a$1.

GROCERIES—The Grocery trade continues dull and the leading staples present nothing particularly important. Sugar, Coffee and Molasses reported firm but quiet and unchanged. The receipts of N. O. Sugar and Molasses are increasing, but as yet the stock in this market is by no means large.

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	14	Standard A	12 a
Crushed	13¾ a	Standard C	11¾ a
Granulated	13 a	Standard Ex C	11¾
Powdered	13 a	Ref. Yellow	10a10¼

COFFEES. Green. Roasted.

Choice	24	Best	26½
Prime	23	Second grade	25½
Fair	22	Third Grade	23½
Low	21	Java	36

Loose half a cent less.

SYRUPS.

Choice	60 a65	Fair	50 a55
Prime	55 a60	Dark	40 a45

MOLASSES.

Choice new crop N. O.	65a67c
Prime old crop N. O	55c
Fair do	45c

TEAS.

Young Hyson	35a0 85	Japan	40a85
Gunpowder	35a0 85	Oolong	35a85
Imperial	40a 75	Souchong	35a85

GRAIN—The receipts and offerings of Wheat continue small, and with a good milling demand prices are firm and tending upward; good to prime Penn. and Ohio red, $1.32a1.35. Millers complain that Wheat is higher relatively than the product, but dealers allege that it is lower than at the main sources of supply. Oat market continues steady here with a fair business, but unchanged; mixed, 37a38; white, 39a40. New Ear Corn is higher; market bare of old ear; new shelled, 50a53; old do, 51a55. Rye continues quiet and unchanged; 70a72. Barley dull, with considerable offering; prime Northwestern spring, 90a95; lower grades, 80a85.

HAY—Loose quotable at $12a17 per ton from country wagons; baled, on wharf and track, $12 a15.

MILL FEED—Bran quoted at $11a13; Seconds, Shorts and Shipstuffs, $11a16, Middlings, $20a22, as to quality.

OIL—Lard remains steady, with a good demand. We quote Procter & Gamble's Oils as follows: Double extra Winter, 92a95; W. Alexander extra do, 82a85; No. 1, 74a78c; No 2, 58a62. The new make of Miners' oil is lower. P. & G.'s white Winter Miners, 59; yellow do, 54. Carbon, 28a29c.

ONIONS—In fair demand, but quiet and unchanged; $2a2.50 ⅌ bbl.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 10a12c ⅌ lb; do. Turkeys, 12a13; do Ducks, 11a13; do Geese, 8a9 Live Chickens, 40a50c ⅌ pair; do. Turkeys 75a$1 each.

POTATOES—The market continues firm with a good demand and light supply; retail prices have undergone no change since our last; we quote from store at $1a1.10 per bu as to quality.

PROVISIONS—Trade continues light here-abouts, as it always is at this particular time, and no immediate improvement is looked for. No quotable change in prices for our regular days.

Hams—Ex S C ⅌ lb	14
Shoulders Ex S. C.	8½
Breakfast Bacon	13¾
Dried beef Ex S. C.	15
Beef Tongues S. C.	17
Pork per bbl	$8¾
Bacon Shoulders	8
Clear Sides	10
Clear Sides	10½
Mess Pork ⅌ bbl	$15.00
Short Cut do	16.00
Ham Sausage	do.

Lard, prime leaf, tes 10¾
Do, Hf bbls 11¼
Do, kegs 11¾
Lard, Ref for summer use—in tres 11¼
Do, tubs 12¼
Do, ⅌ pails 14
Do, ⅌ do 13¾
Do, ⅌ 20 do 13¾

BAGS—Steady at 21¾c ⅌ 2¼ for good country mixed.

SUMAC—4½c.

SEEDS—There is little or no movement in this market, and in the absence of sales we omit quotations.

TALLOW—Is reported easier; rough quoted at 5¼c city rendered, 6¾c per lb; country, 7¾c.

WINDOW GLASS—There is only a moderate business; no change to note in prices. Purchasers off western list, 40 and 10 per cent, by the car load, and 40 for smaller quantities. Following is the full card:

SINGLE STRENGTH.

Size.	1st qual	2d do.	3d do.	4th do
6 by 8 to 8 by 10	$ 4 75	$ 4 50	$ 4 00	$ 3 50
8 by 11 to 10 by 12	5 00	4 50	4 00	3 75
10 by 14 to 10 by 15	5 25	4 75	4 25	3 75
9 by 16 to 12 by 17	5 75	5 25	4 75	4 00
12 by 18 to 14 by 20	6 00	5 50	4 75	4 00
14 by 22 to 16 by 24	7 00	6 50	5 50	4 75
16 by 22 to 20 by 30	7 75	6 75	5 50	4 75
18 by 28 to 24 by 30	8 50	7 25	6 25	o 4 75
20 by 28 to 24 by 36	9 50	8 75	7 50	6 50 quality
26 by 36 to 28 by 44	10 50	8 50	7 00	above 26x
28 by 46 to 30 by 50	11 00	9 00	7 50	30 cut.

DOUBLE STRENGTH.

8 by 8 to 8 by 10	7 00	6 50	6 00	5 50
8 by 11 to 10 by 12	7 25	7 00	6 50	6 00
10 by 14 to 10 by 15	7 50	7 25	6 75	6 00
9 by 16 to 12 by 17	8 50	8 25	7 25	6 75
12 by 18 to 14 by 20	9 00	8 50	7 50	7 25
15 by 20 to 16 by 24	9 75	9 00	8 25	7 75
18 by 22 to 20 by 30	11 50	10 00	9 00	8 00
18 by 28 to 24 by 30	12 00	10 50	9 50	o 8 50
20 by 28 to 24 by 36	13 25	11 50	10 50	quality
26 by 36 to 28 by 44	15 25	12 50	11 50	above 26x
28 by 46 to 30 by 50	16 00	13 50	12 50	30 cut.
30 by 52 to 30 by 54	16 75	14 00	13 00	
30 by 56 to 34 by 58	17 00	16 00	14 00	
34 by 56 to 34 by 60	19 00	17 00	15 00	
36 by 60 to 40 by 66	22 00	20 00	17 50	
40 by 60 to 40 by 64	29 50	27 50	25 00	
40 by 66 to 40 by 72	37 00	34 00	31 50	

WOODEN WARE—There is a steady demand, without any variation in prices. "Corry Ware" is quoted at the following prices:

0. 1 Tubs ⅌ dozen	$ 8 50
0. 2 do	7 50
0. 3 do	6 50
2 Hoop Pails ⅌ doz	1 85
3 Hoop Pails ⅌ doz	2 10
Horse Pails	5 00
Ash Butter Tubs 50 lbs	6 00
Do Do 25 lbs	4 00
Clothes Pins—⅌ box	75
Broom Handles plain per m	17 00
" painted "	25 00

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, THURSDAY, December 7, 1876.

The Crude market continues fairly active and firm, and prices have still further advanced. United certificates were quoted this p. m. at $1.20 and immediate shipment at $1.20. Refined is also strong, with an active export demand for spot delivery and prices have still further advanced; New York quoted at 27a27¼; Philadelphia, 26¾ and Baltimore at 26¾. No change in price to home trade buyers here; 25c.

A Philadelphia correspondent writes: The great improvement in the condition of the oil market and of its future prospects may be judged in a measure from a statistical point a comparison of the exports from this point for the first nine months of this year with the total exports of 1875. The former are now set down at 60,000,000 gallons in round numbers from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, as against 55,000,000 gallons for the entire year of 1875. This is in face of the large advance in September, which gives almost a third greater value to the exports for the last three months than for the same time last year, and a large business was done on that advance as well as recently. The chief points of distribution, with the amount in round numbers sent to each port, are as follows: Bremen, 15,000,000 gallons; Antwerp, 13,000,000; Hamburg, 2,500,000; Havre, 2,800,000; London, 2,000,000; Cork, 1,800,000; Rotterdam, 1,000,000; Venice, 1,000,000; Genoa, 2,000,000; Dunkirk, 900,000; Amsterdam, 800,000; Alexandria, Egypt, 800,000; Dantzic, 600,000; Bordeaux, 500,000, and smaller ports from 500,000 down. The inquiry is again more brisk for shipment and the tendency is still in favor of a stronger and active market.

Oil Barrels firm at $1.20 for countries and $1.30 for city make.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL VIA, A. V. & R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Hyndman & Co	Hyndman & Co	1
Hyndman & Co	Hyndman & Co	1
Hyndman & Co	Hyndman & Co	1

HOME NEWS.

Parties who do not receive the GAZETTE by 7 A. M., are requested to notify the office, and the tardiness will be corrected at once.

The probabilities for to-day are colder, northerly to westerly winds, with clear and fair weather, and slowly rising barometer.

LIBRARY HALL, A CHARITY.

The Benevolent Basis Upon Which the Institution is Founded.

Recently some criticisms have been indulged in of the Library Hall Company, because they do not make certain improvements which are deemed advisable. The critics however, seem to forget that with an empty purse the company cannot accede to their demands. The Library building is now one of the finest public institutions of its character in the country; but there are yet improvements contemplated which will be made whenever the treasury contains the funds. At present there is a heavy debt hanging over the corporation, the interest on which absorbs their available resources. It originally was erected at a cost of $287,000. It was built for the express purpose of accommodating the Mercantile Library—and so is really, in a great measure a charitable institution. It was not built as a money making speculation, but it was thought that the revenues from the stores, and the public hall, and other apartments rented out would bring in a revenue that would enable the management to create a sinking fund. So far these expectations have hardly been realized. The present liabilities of the company are $211,000, of which $21,000 is a floating debt, and the remainder mortgages. Whenever this debt or any considerable portion of it is wiped off, the contemplated improvements will be made, and the building will then be the ideal one which its projectors now look forward to.

TEMPERANCE MATTERS.

Murphy at the Fifth Avenue M. P. Church—Addresses by Converts.

A large audience assembled last evening at Mr. Francis Murphy's meeting, at the Methodist Church, Fifth avenue. Mr. Murphy related the case of a noble and manly boy who was afflicted with fits, and on going to a pond to fish fell in and was drowned. The sad event greatly troubled his father. Mr. Murphy then drew a comparison between the trouble the drinking son causes, and that caused by the death of the boy. He said God could and would give all these men grace and faith to keep the pledge, and eloquently urged all to keep near the cross. Mr. Shannon, who with other men who had signed the pledge, occupied the pulpit, was introduced. He said he started off about ten years ago with a glass. Soon it become too small, and increased to a half pint, then a pint and then a quart. About two weeks ago he went to the Opera House, and concluded that there was something that he should follow up. He signed the pledge and with God's help he intended to keep it.

Thomas Connolly was next introduced. He had been drinking twenty-two years and at one time got so drunk that his comrades nailed him up in a rough pine coffin. He said he would give no more money for whisky, but buy his own beefsteak and sop his bread in the gravey.

Chancellor Wood announced a meeting at the same place this evening, for ladies and gentlemen. He also stated that on Sunday evening a meeting will be held in Library Hall, to which an admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged, to raise funds to pay necessary expenses. He said, in addition, that as many of the men who have signed the pledge need medicine, the gratuitous aid of physicians would be appreciated.

Baskets were passed around among the audience, and quite a liberal contribution raised. When this was concluded the addresses of men who had recently signed the pledge were resumed. Messrs. Blaney, Burns, Lacy, McCurry, and Col. Heatherington all made short addresses. Mr. Lang and Colonel Houghton, of Portland, Maine, each recited a poem appropriate to the occasion. Mr. Murphy announced that the prayer meetings in the lecture room of the church, from twelve to one o'clock each day, will be continued until further notice, and the meeting was dismissed.

A PECULIAR DIVISION.

Three Wards Made Out of One in Allegheny—The Result not Satisfactory.

Matters have been somewhat muddled by the division of the Seventh ward, Allegheny. The decree dividing the old ward into three, was promulgated by the court on Tuesday. Since then considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed at the result,—and all because the division has more than doubled the Councilmanic representation from the section originally embraced in the Seventh ward. Formerly the ward had three in the Common and two in the Select branch of Councils. Now each of the three wards is entitled to two members in each branch, making a total of twelve Councilmen. This is quite agreeable to the people in that end, but the representatives from the other wards—especially the west end of the city object to giving the east end such a preponderance in Council. They say it is unjust and they make comparisons like this: The Second ward, with about 2,000 taxables, has only six Councilmen, while these three wards, with only about 1,500 taxables in the aggregate, have, by the division, twelve Councilmen. Comparison with most of the other old wards is equally unfavorable.

The matter has been pretty fully canvassed within the past two days, although no one has yet suggested how the balance of power may be restored. If all the three wards were divided on a similar ratio, the city would blossom out in a metropolitan way with over thirty wards, and to accommodate the consequent large increase of Councilmanic solons, a more commodious Council chamber would be necessary, involving perhaps the building of a new City Hall. No one, however, seriously entertains an idea of any such division.

In the meantime, the interested parties in the new wards want a special meeting of Councils to-morrow evening to order an election of Councilmen so that the new wards may be represented in the Councils next year.

UNSELFISH MORTALS.

Warden Smith's Boarders Decline a Christmas Banquet—They Prefer that Their Suffering Friends be Fed and Clothed.

The subjoined manifesto, issued from the public boarding house on the hill, over which Warden Smith presides, and emenating from the boarders, is a most remarkable document to come from such a source. It displays a spirit of unselfishness, and in some cases paternal solicitude, for the comfort and well being of the families of the unfortunate creatures confined therein not usually found among such characters. Selfishness is such a prevalent vice that it is like "looking for a needle in a haystack" to attempt to find an unselfish man, and certainly a jail would seem to be a strange place to look for unselfish persons, as it is usually selfishness in one form or another by which people get to jail. Yet there are men in our county jail, and a large number of them, too, who, whatever other sins may be charged against them, selfishness is not one of them. A movement having been started to provide the jail prisoners with a Christmas dinner, and that fact coming to their ears, the following paper was prepared by one of the prisoners and submitted to every man in the court department of the jail—108 in number—and it was approved by every prisoner except one. It is as follows:

Having noticed an article in Monday evening's *Leader* relating to feasting the prisoners in the county jail on Christmas day, now we, the prisoners, having canvassed the matter among ourselves, while returning our thanks to the Rev. Mr. Frazier and other parties interested in getting up the dinner, respectfully suggest that the said dinner, or the funds required to secure said dinner, be distributed among the mothers, wives and children of the needy and suffering prisoners. While the prisoner confined here has plenty of warmth and does not by any means go hungry, the families of some are actually suffering for want of clothing, fuel, food, &c. In nearly every instance the prisoners say it would be no pleasure for them to partake of a fine dinner here in jail on Christmas day, when so many outside whom they hold dear would be suffering. The needy ones can easily be found out by paying a visit to the jail a few days before Christmas, where we are sure Warden Smith will assist them by every means in his power to find out the really needy.

J. B. ELLIS,
JEFFERSON MORGAN,
GEORGE LEWIS,
JOSEPH S. BEVAN,
KENNEDY SHAW.

Extraordinary Wind Pressure.

At New South Wales, on 10th of September, the wind attained a pressure of 117 pounds to the square foot. The boots and shoes sold by R. Taggart, 129 Federal street, Allegheny, conform so nicely to the shape of the foot that no pressure is perceptible on any part, and therefore no corns or soreness. Taggart is admitted to be King in his line of business, not only on account of the excellent and satisfactory qualities of his boots and shoes, but because he sells them at such exceedingly low figures, which makes his house popular and frequented by an immense concourse of customers.

French Bread.

The following parties are agents for our fine breads in neighboring towns:

G. Wilson Miller & Bro., Butler, Pa.
John Agne, Beaver Valley, Pa.
A. T. Derrington, Hazelwood, Pa.
Ira Hatheway, Petrolia, Pa.
J. B. Wilson, Washington, Pa.
J. A. Moody, Youngstown, O.

Stores having a first class trade in towns not yet allotted to an agent will find it to their interest to apply at once. Our bread is made of flour that costs families $10 per barrel. We bake before 6 A. M. and ship he bread (charges paid) by first express every morning.

S. S. MARVIN & Co.,
91 and 93 Liberty street.

Retail Department, 18 Fifth avenue.

Swan Mills.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Yesterday.

U. S. Circuit Court.

JUDGE M'KENNAN

Lucius H. Couse and E. R. Blood vs. Johnston, Black & Co. Application for an injunction to restrain defendants from manufacturing a coal oil stove, for which complainants claim a patent. Argument concluded and decision reserved.

The same complainants vs. J. G. Cooney, similar application. Argument not concluded.

U. S. District Court.

JUDGE KETCHAM.

John P. Lytle and Jos. B. Lytle, bankrupts, city; rule granted to show cause why the degree confirming the composition proposed should not be set aside, and the proceedings in bankruptcy reinstated. Returnable December 13.

Robert Fair, bankrupt, city; leave granted to sell certain real estate.

Thomas K. Wilson, bankrupt, Allegheny city, exceptions to confirmation of composition overruled, and composition ordered to be binding upon all the parties concerned.

Wetzach Bros., bankrupts, Allegheny city, on petition of Otho Martin; rule granted to show cause why the resolution of composition should not be set aside unless the balance set forth in the petition be paid before the return day, December 18.

John Emmel, bankrupt, Allegheny city. Assignee ordered to pay John Wilson Bros. $483.33, due for rent from November 24, 1875, to February 1, 1876; and as to rent prior to November 24, 1875, it is to be treated as a provable debt.

Common Pleas, No 1.

JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

McPhillamy vs. Hursel & Reig; action to replevin. The jury is out.

C. H. Love, for use, vs. Storg; sci. fa. on a morigage, is on trial.

Walter vs. Lauffman Bros. The jury is out.

John Marshall vs. Leonard Singhose. Rescale of property ordered on petition presented.

Voluntary assignment of Michael Nicolaus. Sale of certain property ratified and assignee directed to make a good and sufficient deed.

Common Pleas No. 2.

JUDGES KIRKPATRICK AND WHITE.

Doro vs. Brinton, heretofore reported. The jury is out.

McCarroll vs. Krusa et al., heretofore reported. The jury is out.

Dickey & Co. vs. Hunter et al., executive judgment. Verdict for plaintiff for $123.94.

Weir & Co. vs. Chautauqua Ice Company. Motion for new trial exparte plaintiffs.

DeRoy vs. Hershberger. Verdict for plaintiff for $109.97.

Schatz vs. Schimmer. Sci fa. on a mortgage. On trial.

Criminal Court.

JUDGE STOWE.

Commonwealth vs. Chas. Wilson, indicted for the larceny of a gold coin from John Hauschlager. Verdict of guilty, but recommended to the mercy of the court.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Shay, indicted for assault and battery on oath of Alice Daily. Plea of *nolo contendere*.

Commonwealth vs. Frank Shay, indicted for larceny on oath of W. H. Morgan. Plea of *nolo contendere*. Defendent was sentenced to the Reform School.

Commonwealth vs. John Glenn, indicted for receiving stolen goods on oath of W. H. Morgan. Verdict of guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Lucy McCann, indicted for the larceny of a ring. Defendant pleaded *nolo contendere* and was sentenced to jail for twenty days.

Commonwealth vs. Louis Kim, indicted for the larceny of a quantity of railroad iron on oath of L. McGuffin. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Andrew Sanders, indicted for embezzlement and larceny by bailee. *Nolle prosequi* on payment of costs by defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Mrs. Driscol, indicted for felonious shooting on oath of Patrick McCarthy. Verdict of guilty, but recommended to mercy.

Commonwealth vs. Patrick McCarthy, indicted for aggravated assault and battery, on oath of Mrs. Driscol. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Chas. Burke et. al.,	John Brown,
Geo. Kuntz,	John Clark,
Henry Laupher,	Pat. Schields,
Wm. Roan,	John Patterson,
Pat. McCarthy,	Margaret L. Kinzer,
John Haley,	Owen McNally,
Michael Kloise et al.,	Anton Goodwin.

Court Brevities.

THE grand jury yesterday returned true bills in the cases of Thomas Breen, charged with the murder of Peter Hughes, and Charles Burke and James Mullen, charged with felonious assault and battery for shooting Thos. H. Hunter.

SHERIFF for $500 damages was entered in Common Pleas Court No. 2, yesterday, by James Morrison, against Sheriff Fife, for alleged illegal seizure of property belonging to plaintiff, on an execution against another party. Plaintiff values the property seized at $868, and sues to recover this claim as well as the above damages.

ANOTHER BOGUS CHECK MAN.

His Operations Not Very Successful—He Comes to Grief.

A couple of weeks or so ago a man was arrested in this city for palming off on a couple of firms bogus checks for $64.50 each. The exposure of his performances perhaps led business men to be more wary in their transactions with plausible strangers, and that is why a man who reached the city a week ago to work the city in the same manner was not very successful.

On Wednesday morning a man who gave his name as Nelson went into Roberts & Steel's flour store, on Liberty street, and wanted to buy a barrel of flour, to be sent to No. 70 Webster avenue. He offered in payment a check for $25 purporting to be drawn by a man named Barker, a furniture dealer on Fifth avenue. Messrs. Roberts & Steel fortunately knew there was no such man on Fifth avenue, and refused to take the check. Officer Miller happening to pass about the time, the man was pointed out to him, and the officer going up to him asked him his name. The reply was that he was L. Roberts. "All right, Mr. Roberts," the officer said, "the Chief wants to see you." Mr. Roberts, or Nelson, protested that he didn't know what for, but concluded to go down and see the Chief, and after a brief interview he was looked up. No checks were found upon him, but as he had been in the American Hotel a few moments before his arrest, the officer presumed that he had burned the evidence of his guilt. Pursuing his investigations of the case, Officer Miller ascertained that the man had been stopping at the American House for about a week where he had registered as L. Wilson, and that his real name is John Conover. He further ascertained that the man had been in four different stove houses on Liberty street trying to buy a stove, and give a check in payment, but had not succeeded. On Thanksgiving eve he had gone into Messrs. Demmler & Schenck's, on Liberty street, and wanted a stove to make a present to his mother, who, he said, lived on Wylie avenue, but it was no go. The officer finally ascertained that he had succeeded in purchasing a barrel of flour from Maross Jenkins, on Liberty street, for which he had given a $25 check and gotten $18 in change. Mr. Jenkins and the other dealers whom the man had tried to swindle went to the lock-up and identified the man, and yesterday afternoon Mr. Jenkins made an information against him before the Mayor for false pretences, and after a hearing he was locked up for trial under the name of L. Wilson.

The checks that he offered were all signed in different names, three of the names being Firm names of Buffalo and Pittsburgh. The man claims to be from Chicago, and probably is.

ROAD COMMITTEE.

Action on Various Ordinances and Petitions.

The Road Committee of City Councils met in Common Council chamber yesterday afternoon, Mr. Bruce presiding.

The petition of J. E. Rubenstein for payment of damages caused to his property by the overflow of Soho Run, was referred to the City Attorney, to ascertain whether or not the city is liable.

A petition for a boardwalk on Homewood avenue from the Pennsylvania railroad to Kelly's bend, was indefinitely postponed.

The Viewers' report on Watson's Hollow bridge was returned to Councils with a recommendation to return it to the Board of Viewers. A committee was appointed to examine the character of the work.

The Commissioner was instructed to contract for steps on both sides of Bedford avenue at Seneca street.

A committee was appointed to examine the railroad switches on Fifth avenue at the Oakland car stables.

The following ordinances were affirmatively returned to Councils: Opening of Wayne street from Stanton avenue to Hampton street; for a sewer on Beech alley from Glat to Seneca street.

The assessments on Ridge street and Homewood avenue were approved.

Adjourned.

For the Public Good.

The rates of the Union Depot Hotel, Col. E. J. Unger, Superintendent, have been reduced to three dollars per day. The Hotel will be conducted as formerly, in first class style, both as it regards table and room comforts, and every attention will be bestowed to render full satisfaction to guests.

An Odd Lot of Boys'

Shetland Merino Shirts, 30 and 32-inch, are to-day offered by F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue, at 50 cents each, marked down from $1.

Elegant Parlor Suits.

A very excellent and cheap assortment the latest styles of furniture, at the lowest prices in the city at James Milliken & Co.'s 89 Smithfield street.

Toys! Toys!! Toys!!!

The largest and best assortment in the city at wholesale and retail at J. D. Thompson & Co.'s, 176 and 178 Wood street.

BREVITIES.

----A special meeting of the Police Committee is called for to-morrow evening.

----Twenty-five dollars were stolen from a bureau drawer in Michael Brennan's house in the East End, Wednesday night.

----A petition is being circulated in the First ward, Allegheny, asking the Court to divide that ward into three election districts.

----"Kennedy Whilom, civil engineer of the water extension, is a juror in the Walter-Lauffman Riland Reservoir case."—*Chronicle.*

----Mayor Phillips has placed his veto upon the ordinance passed by Allegheny Councils for the opening and grading of Grant street.

----Ten tramps found in Huckenstine's brick yard, Allegheny, were sent to the Workhouse for sixty days each yesterday, by Mayor Phillips.

----Charles Roberts, who claims to be a Pittsburgher, is in durance vile in Philadelphia for operating with $20 spiel marks on credulous greenhorns.

----The first anniversary of the Calvert Literary Society, of Sharpsburg, was celebrated on Wednesday evening by an excellent entertainment at that place.

----The alarm of fire from box 54, in Allegheny, at a quarter before eight o'clock last evening, was caused by the burning out of a chimney in a house on Voegtly street.

----Thomas Aiken, for abusing his wife, was yesterday, by Mayor Phillips, sent to the Workhouse for six months. He had only been released from the institution the day before.

----A man named John Wang fell from a step-ladder at his store, at the corner of Madison avenue and First alley, Allegheny, last evening, and fractured one of his arms. Dr. Herheimaun reduced the fracture.

----During November there were 229 deaths in the city. The largest number of deaths from any one disease was 24, from phthisis pulmonalis. There were seven deaths from small-pox, and eight from typhoid fever.

----The house at No. 125 Twenty-first street, South Side, occupied by Francis Ward, took fire about noon yesterday from a defective flue. The roof was destroyed, and Mr. Ward's household goods were badly damaged by water.

----McCandless Lodge, A. Y. M., are fitting up a commodious hall at the corner of Maine and Butler street. The main hall is 40x60 feet with anti-rooms in addition. It will be finished about the middle of next month.

----Mr. Francis Murphy, the temperance lecturer, proposes to establish in the city a permanent reading room and place of resort with dominoes, checkers, billiards, and where lemonade, soda water, cigars, &c., will be sold. He will put the ideas into execution if sufficient financial aid is obtained.

----Secretary McGonnigle, of the Allegheny Poor Board, is sometimes troubled in his office by obstreperous tramps. In order to dampen their ardor a telegraph wire was recently placed in position from the Secretary's room to the Mayor's office, so that an officer can be summoned without delay.

----The ladies of the charitable association of the Homeopathic Hospital acknowledge with very much pleasure the handsome donation of $87.50, being the proceeds of a fair held by Misses Ward and Young, and their pupils, of the Bellefield Private School. It is to be hoped that others will follow this noble example, as the institution is in pressing need of funds.

----The messenger boys of the A. & P. Telegraph Company, yesterday appeared with bright new uniforms of gray, neat caps, capacious pouches strapped over their backs, and clean faces, and are now ready to perform errands of any kind at 25 cents per hour. The idea is something similar to the American District Telegraph, which is in operation in most of the Eastern cities.

----Some of our Pittsburgh sportsmen who have been doing Northern Ohio and Southern Michigan lately, filling their bags with a goodly supply of game, are indebted for many courtesies and local entertainments to that prince of good hotel clerks, C. C. Hamilton, of the Island House, at the Union Depot, Toledo. Let none who go to Toledo for sport or business forget to call on Hamilton. He is a jolly, good fellow, and knows how to make you feel at *home* while away from it.

----Jonas Smith, an employe on one of the ferry boats running from the foot of Penn avenue, on Tuesday night discovered a man in the water up to his neck holding on by the chain by which the boat was moored. He was taken from his cold bath to the Eagle Engine house, where, when he was thawed out, he explained that he had been robbed and thrown into the river. He refused to give his name, and soon afterward ascertained that he had been drunk and rolled off the boat into the river.

----The Coroner did not hold an inquest on the body of Thomas Moore, Jr., who was fatally injured at the west end of Panhandle Railroad tunnel Tuesday night, until next morning at the Homeopathic Hospital. There is no reason to believe that there was foul play in connection with his death, as he was not robbed, as stated in an evening paper. The remains were removed to the family residence in Westmoreland county before the Coroner was informed of the accident, which accounts for there being no inquest held.

----For the purpose of defraying the expenses incidental to the special meetings they have been having, the Young Men's Temperance Union propose to raise money by a lecture from Mr. Francis Murphy, at Library Hall, on next Sunday evening. The price of a ticket has been fixed at twenty-five cents, and the panhandle will be found on sale all day at Hale's music store, on Smithfield street, Davis' book store, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street, and at the box office, Library building. It is a worthy enterprise, and we hope it will be largely patronized.

PERSONAL.

***Squire Steel was much better last evening, and it is believed he will recover.

***Rev. Dr. Bittinger lectured last night at Sewickley on "Sewickley as it Is, and Sewickley as it Should Be."

***Judge Kirkpatrick will lecture tonight in the Sixth Presbyterian church. Subject, "Walks in Paris and Europe." No admission fee will be charged.

***Rev. A. M. Milligan, of this city, is to deliver a free lecture at New Alexandria, Westmoreland county, next Wednesday. His subject is "The Duty of the Hour."

***Mr. C. R. Messinger, of Toledo, a tobacco manufacturer well known in Pittsburgh, and Mr. J. L. Styne, of this city, have returned to their homes in Michigan. The result of five days hunt was the bagging of 57 ducks, 27 quail, 11 squirrels and 2 wild turkeys. Mr. Messinger is considered one of the finest wing shots in Northern Ohio.

***Julian A. Crenshaw, M. A., LL. D., was on Wednesday admitted to the Washington county bar. He graduated with first honors of his class at Bethany in 1869. Since graduation he has filled with distinction the chair of Ancient Languages in Pittsburgh High School, and more recently the chair of mathematics in Bethany College. Last year he graduated at Yale Law School with distinguished honor.

***A party of Pennsylvania Railroad Directors and ladies passed through the city on Wednesday, on a pleasure trip West. They were Mr. George B. Roberts and daughters, Edmund Smith, Edward Y. Townsend, Alex. J. Derbyshire and ladies, William Auspach and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Wistar Morris and two daughters, N. Parker Shortridge and wife, L. M. Felton and son, the Misses Thompson, Prof. J. P. Lesley, W. H. Brown, Mr. W. F. Lockard, John C. Simms and James McCrea.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

Minor Items From the City Police Courts.

A THIEF on Wednesday evening got a dozen pair of socks from Wm. Bowers' store, on Butler street.

THOMAS MULLEN, for the larceny of an overcoat from Henry Roessar, was, by Mayor McCarthy, yesterday, jailed for trial. He was caught with the overcoat on.

ALLEGHENY STREETS.

Regular Meeting of the Committee Last Night.

A meeting of the Street Committee of Allegheny Councils was held last evening, Mr N. A. Voegtly presiding.

City Engineer Davis reported that the proposed change of grade on Harding street will incur an expense of $1,280.25. Approved, and it was agreed to recommend the change of the grade.

The Street Commissioner was authorized to spend $50 in repairing Ann street.

A stone crossing was ordered to be laid across Taggart street at Gallagher street, and also one across Sandusky street, at South Diamond street.

The pay roll of the Eastern District, amounting to $933.01, was approved, as was the pay roll of the Western district, amounting to $1,111.25.

It was agreed to ask Councils for a transfer of $2,500 to the appropriation of this committee.

A crossing was ordered to be laid on Virgin alley at North street.

The City Solicitor was instructed to not enter proceedings against the Widows' Home in regard to removing a portion of their building, until April 1st.

Adjourned.

Glastenbury

Blue Mixed Merino Shirts and Drawers. A complete line just opened by F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue. The white Merino Shirts which this firm sells at $1.00, deserve the attention of every gentleman who desires good underwear at reasonable prices.

Dolls! Dolls!! Dolls!!!

We have over one hundred varieties, together with a large assortment of Toys and and Fancy Goods at wholesale and retail. Don't forget the place and number. J. D. Thompson & Co., 176 and 178 Wood street.

Swan Mills.

The Varieties

of Misses' Sacques, which have been displayed this year by F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue, have been much admired by their customers. They have now many handsome styles in sizes ranging from four to sixteen years.

THE CANNON'S THUNDER.

Two Hundred and Fifty Guns for Hayes and Wheeler—Sounds of Victory in the Air.

Republicans were jubilant yesterday over the result of the vote of the electors for President and Vice President of the United States, and many of them were wont to exclaim, in the language of Gloster, "Now are our brows bound with victorious wreaths," and that the masses might know of their rejoicing, arrangements were made for celebrating the glorious news by firing a salute of two hundred and fifty guns. Captain Brecht's battery was engaged for the occasion. One section of it was stationed on the bank of the Allegheny river, at the foot of Fifth street, and the other on the bank of the Monongahela, at the south end of the Suspension bridge. At eight o'clock the ball was opened, and shot followed shot in rapid succession, until two hundred and fifty had been fired. The sound was music to the Republicans; it was the signal which told of the realization of their hopes; the sound of certainty, dispelling the mist surrounding political affairs since the 7th of November, and proclaiming to all the "glad tidings of great joy." How was it with our opponents? It was no uncertain sound to them, and each shot fell with a sickening thud, every Democratic ear. It was to them a harbinger of disappointment, bearing the intelligence of their defeat, and reminding them that at least another four years must pass before their hopes of feeding at the public crib could be realized, and they retired to their homes o'ercome with sadness. Sore indeed has been their disappointment, not so much at the loss of their favorite "Soapy Samuel," whose efforts to secure that one important vote, have been most remarkable indeed, but for the loss of the money many of them had staked upon the result; for the loss of time and money expended to secure Tilden's election, and more particularly for the loss of an opportunity to get hold of the reins of government that they might have an opportunity to filch from the public treasury sufficient to replace their losses. The "belligerent Democrat," who on hearing the news from South Carolina a few days since was ready to shoulder his musket and march under Wade Hampton's banner, on hearing the news of yesterday proclaimed in tones of thunder from the brazen mouth of the six-pounders, lost all his belligerency and retired to his home a sadder if not a wiser man.

There was not that general exuberance over the news that would have been manifested had the result been known immediately after the election. The long delay in settling the matter has had a tendency to tone down the public pulse, which was then at fever heat, and as a consequence the news was more calmly received, but none the more gratifyingly by the Republicans. The prospects are now that the trouble is over. Mr. Tilden and his friends having been thwarted in every illegal attempt to subvert the will of the people in order to secure the requisite number of votes in the Electoral College to make him President, will now subside, as they must know that defeat awaits them in the future as in the past in every fraudulent attempt to secure the coveted prize.

In the history of the world the cleanest nations have always been victorious in the struggles and competitions of time. As with peoples, so with individuals. With a constant supply of B. T. Babbitt's Best Soap for personal and family use, everything is sure to come along serenely and the happiest results attained.

Alarming, Startling and True Facts

$25,000 worth of the best overcoats and suits in the second hand business in the city, to be sold without regard to cost or value, at the great consignment sale now in progress at Big 13 Sixth street.

50 overcoats at $3.50, worth $8.
100 overcoats at $4.50, worth $9
150 fur beaver overcoats at $7.50, worth $12.
200 blue and brown beaver overcoats at $10, worth $20.
250 fine dress overcoats at $13.50, worth $28.
300 melton overcoats at $8, worth $15.
350 boys and youths' overcoats at $2.25, worth $5.
400 plaid and cassimere suits at $8.50, worth $15.
450 boys' and children's suits at $3.25, worth $6.50.
500 cassimere pants at $1.50, $2, $2.50, $3.
350 pairs drawers and shirts at 35c.
Pants made to order at $5 and up.
Suits made to order at $15, $20 and up.
Overcoats made to order at $20 and up.
Big 13 Big 13 Sixth street, late St. Clair.

This is no humbug. Call and see for yourselves. This is the only consignment sale in the city. By order of Mr. Lovering, assignee. The entire stock is now offered fashionably made, and must be closed by the 1st of January. You can save one-half your money by calling at Big 13 Sixth street. T. TOBIAS.

The Blue and Grey.

Mixed with Merino Socks for Men and Boys, offered at 25 cents per pair, by F. H. Eaton & Co., 25 Fifth avenue, are extra good value. They also have pure wool Merino and all Wool Hosiery for Gentlemen, from medium to the finest qualities.

Swan Mills.

REDUCTIONS!

Dress Goods,
Mourning Goods,
Silks and
Velvets,

Special Bargains in

CLOAKS, CLOAKS, CLOAKS,

Our Stock the Largest and Prices the Lowest.

A. W. CARSTEN & Co.,
Cor. Sixth and Liberty streets.

Swan Mills.

The Question of the Hour.

The most appropriate question that any man, either married or single, can ask himself during the next two weeks, is "what would be the most acceptable and satisfactory gift for mother, sister, wife or lady love?" Let the question be answered by the ladies, and nine of every ten would pronounce in favor of a gift of furs. Now, then you know your duty. And next, you should know where to make the purchase, for a more and no cheaper place than at the Hat, Cap and Fur House of Thomas J. Barnes, No. 117 Wood street, where is to be found a most desirable and best selected portion of all the newest styles in Mink, Sable, Fitch and Otter. Sacques, sets, hats, turbans and cloaks in all the grades and at the lowest possible prices consistent with the excellence of the goods. Ladies and others, call and give to their pleasure and profit to give this popular and reputable house a call. A word to those who are in need of head-gear. The line of hats and caps is full, and the assortment all that could be desired.

A Choice Selection

of fine material for suits and overcoats can always be found on the tables of Walter Anderson, Merchant Tailer, No. 1 Fifth avenue. His prices will be found as reasonable as those charged at inferior houses. Cut and style can nowhere be excelled.

Swan Mills.

Utility to Christmas Gifts.

The pendant are already making their selections of Christmas gifts, and we can the more commend them, if their prudence and good judgment leads them, these hard times, to make utility the object aimed at in their presents. And among the many useful and yet beautiful objects suitable for remembrances of the Holiday Season, Carpets, Rugs, Druggets, Ottomans, &c., are well worthy a prominent place on the list, as nothing more than they, at once combine expense, add so much comfort and cheering appearance to the whole household. Messrs. Oliver McClintock & Co., 33 Fifth avenue, are now showing a stock of goods replete in every department, from which their selections can be made at prices much lower than have lately ruled for goods in the carpet line. We would especially call attention to their large assortment of Turkey and Brussels carpets, from which beautiful selections can be made at prices much lower than have lately ruled for goods in the carpet line. We would especially call attention to their large assortment of Turkey Rugs as something unusually choice, and superior to anything heretofore shown in this market.

Notice.

We can take a few more orders for Crayon Portraits, and have them finished by Christmas, if the orders are given within the next few days.

B. L. H. DANNS,
Corner Market and Liberty streets.

Swan Mills.

Holiday Goods,

in endless variety. Bottom prices and prompt attention may be expected at J. D. Thompson & Co.'s, 176 and 178 Wood street.

The Disputed Bankrupt Sale

Now in progress at No. 94 Fifth avenue—fine overcoats, suits for men and boys are selling for less than manufacturing cost. The goods were shipped here by the assignee to be sold to settle a dispute which rose between the creditors and owners of the goods. Such a chance will never again be offered to the public of Pittsburgh. The goods are all of this season's make. All fine goods, sponged and well sewed, equal to custom made.

POSITIVE SALE.

We will announce to the people that on and after to-day we will refuse no offer for any overcoat, suit or pants in our possession. Every garment in this store must be closed out by January 1, 1877. By order of assignee.

DUBLIN & Co.,
94 Fifth avenue, opposite postoffice.

Swan Mills.

Supper and Sociable

at the Sixth U. P. church, corner of Collins avenue and Station street, East End, Thursday and Friday evenings, 7th and 8th inst. Admission and supper fifty cents. Tickets for sale at the door.

Swan Mills.

Bargains! Bargains!!

at Pittsburgh's headquarters for Toys and Fancy Goods, wholesale and retail, new goods and low prices at J. D. Thompson & Co.'s, 176 and 178 Wood street.

AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

"Little Barefoot" was presented at the Opera House last evening with Maggie Mitchell in the title role. There was a very fair audience, but not so large as Miss Mitchell has usually been greeted by in times past. She is the same sprightly, vivacious little woman she was when she first went on the stage. This evening she takes a benefit, when the "Cricket" will be the attraction. It may be that the late holocaust at Brooklyn deters people from attending the theatres, but they need have no fears of such a disaster at the Opera House, as it is so constructed that it would be impossible to repeat that fearful horror at this place. It is one of the best constructed houses, as to means of exit and security against fire, in the world.

Library Hall.

The Troubadors are drawing excellent houses at Library Hall. The prima donna of the troupe, Miss Blanche Corelli, possess an exquisite soprano voice, and is well versed in music. "The Brook" will be repeated to-night.

Janauschek, who stands peerless among tragediennes, and is alone entitled to the distinctive title of "The Queen of Tragedy," will commence a week's engagement at the house next Monday. To praise her is a work of supererogation. On Monday evening she will appear in "Mary Stuart;" Tuesday, "Macbeth;" Wednesday, "Deborah;" Thursday, "Mary Stuart;" Friday evening and Saturday matinee, "Bleak House;" Saturday evening, "Macbeth." The sale of seats for her engagement commenced yesterday at the Library Hall box office and at Hale's music store.

Swan Mills.

Toys and Fancy Goods.

The city and country dealers will find our stock to be the largest and best in the city. We guarantee satisfaction in prices and quality J. D. Thompson & Co.'s, 176 and 178 Wood street.

In Consideration

Of our immense sales of Ladies' Basket, Beaver and Rough Cloth Long Coats, we are enabled to sell them at an exceedingly small profit. The ladies of this vicinity, who have not yet purchased their Cloaks, will find it greatly to their advantage to call upon us.

F. H. EATON & Co.,
25 Fifth avenue.

For the Holidays.

Fancy cloth, velvet and morocco Gentlemen's and Ladies' Slippers, for from one dollar and upwards, at G. D. Simen's, 78 Ohio street, Allegheny.

GENUINE

Camel's Hair Shawls.

We have just opened an assortment of India Camel's Hair Shawls, of which we invite inspection.

HUGUS & HACKE,
Fifth avenue and Market street.

Swan Mills.

Straws, Splints, Scrap Books and Pictures, Rugbters, Fancy Papers, &c., for Christmas Decorations, best and largest assortment at

GEORGE W. BACKOPEN'S,
No. 161 Smithfield street.

ADDITIONAL TELEGRAMS.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THE WAR CLOUD.

The Czar and Correspondents.

LONDON, December 7.—A dispatch from Berlin reports that the Russian War Office has decided not to permit correspondents to join the army of occupation until it has crossed the frontier. A proposition to subject their reports to the ordeal of censorship was rejected by the Czar himself.

Another Diplomatic Note

from Gortschakoff, explaining the cause and objects of military intervention, is expected soon.

The publication of the *Ruski Mir* has been suspended for one month by the Government on account of articles which appeared in that journal on the composition of the army.

Russian Officers to Remain in Servia.

The Sclavonian committees in Russia have notified their representatives in Servia to cease getting passports and furnishing money to enable Russian officers to leave Servia, as all those absent on furlough will return to Servia immediately.

Ordering Arms.

The Roumanian Government has ordered eighty thousand Chassepot rifles and the necessary ammunition.

The Servian Government has given a fresh order abroad for arms and ammunition.

An Austrian Vessel Searched by Servians.

LONDON, December 7.—A correspondent at Pesth telegraphs that the Servians, while having forcible detained and searched an Austrian mail steamer, the representative of Austria at Belgrade has been instructed to make an energetic demand for satisfaction, and two Austrian monitors have been sent to Semlin to support the demand.

The statement that Austria has decided to occupy Bosnia is declared upon trustworthy authority to be unfounded.

The Conference.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 7.—The European plenipotentiaries held their first preliminary meeting upon the proposals of the conference at the Russian embassy to-day. Much patriotic excitement prevails throughout Turkey. The sons of the best families are voluntarily enlisting.

LONDON, December 7.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the statement that Russia has issued a circular concerning the conference is pronounced to be without foundation. On the question of occupation, Russia's attitude remains precisely as it was at the close of last month, when it was announced from St. Petersburg that autonomy for the Turkish provinces must be guaranteed.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Louisville Forger.

LONDON, December 7.—Chas. Brent, the Louisville forger, was arrested on application of the United States Legation, and committed on evidence of W. J. Hoppin, Secretary of Legation, who produced a cipher dispatch from Secretary Fish, containing instructions to apply for Brent's arrest on a charge of forgery and uttering. Hoppin also deposed that the United States Government was prepared to receive the prisoner for the purpose of prosecuting him.

There is very little doubt that Brent will be extradited at the end of fifteen days. Winslow and Grace are supposed to have gone where they cannot be extradited, but English detectives and United States representatives are still endeavoring to trace them.

SPAIN.

Trouble Brewing in the Basque Provinces.

LONDON, December 7.—A telegram from Bilbao says the requirements of the Government are causing considerable excitement. It is believed that the Deputies and municipalities throughout the Basque provinces will resign. Several Deputies and Senators have returned to Bilbao suddenly from Madrid.

LOUISIANA.

The Returning Board's Verdict.

NEW ORLEANS, December 7.—The promulgation by